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### SEWER WORK FEASIBLE, NILES CHAMBER IS TOLD

Additional data and arguments substantiating the possibility that sewerage of the area immediately east of Niles is financially feasible were presented to the Niles Chamber of Commerce Tuesday by Roy Ramseier, engineer for the Niles Sanitary District.

Ramseier told Chamber members that the district under consideration, embracing Canyon Heights, the Ellsworth Tract, and extending southwest to Fremont Avenue, has sufficient assessed valuation to provide an adequate tax base for sewer work, whether the area were to join another sanitary district, or to establish a district of its own.

#### \$800,725 VALUATION

He revealed figures obtained from a land survey of the area made by his office, which show the area has a total assessed valuation of \$800,725, and a bonding limit of \$120,108.75. In view of these findings, Ramseier contends, sewer work probably can be financed without levying a special assessment of any nature.

His figures were taken from Alameda County tax rolls.

In comparison, he told the Chamber, sewerage of the Adobe Acres area northwest of Niles cost around \$100,000. Problems to be faced in the new area are comparable, he stated.

#### OWN DISTRICT

In discussing sewer possibilities in the area, Ramseier pointed out the possibility of forming a separate sanitary district to perform the work.

Such a move could be accomplished by obtaining signatures of 25 per cent of the property owners favoring formation of a district, then calling a special election to put the decision before all voters.

He added that a legal description of the land has been drawn up, and that petitions are ready for canvassing the area.

"While this procedure is much more complicated than annexing to an established district," he concluded, "such a course would be practical in order to obtain sewers. There is no question that the district would be a financial asset to any other sanitary district."

#### ALVARADO THEFT REPORTED MONDAY

Theft of \$10 in cash and looting of an old pump house on her property was reported to sheriff's deputies Monday by Angelo B. Dekida, V street, Alvarado.



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### YULE PARTY HELD BY CENTERVILLE KC

Piano solos, tap dances, songs, and accordion solos highlighted last night's Christmas party program sponsored by the Centerville Knights of Columbus, according to Walter Connolly, program chairman.

The affair, held in the parish hall of the Holy Ghost Church in Centerville, started at 8 p.m.

Mrs. George Silva helped entertain with piano solos, Connolly added, but true star of the evening was Santa Claus.

Serving with Connolly on the entertainment committee are Vince Bettencourt, George Colt, Jack Silva, George Kommes, Clifford Rogers and John Cattaneo.

### CEREMONIES HELD TO BREAK GROUND FOR NEW SCHOOL

Before an estimated audience of 500 persons, ground-breaking ceremonies were held Sunday at St. Mary's of the Palms Parochial School for the first unit of a new \$500,000 day school for girls on campus.

The initial structure will be a frame and stucco building containing four classrooms. It will be located in back of the chaplain's residence and west of the main building at St. Mary's, and will house fifth through eighth grades. It will be open to day pupils.

The ceremony was conducted in conjunction with a Christmas program, marking the end of school for the Christmas vacation. Classes will resume January 3.

Participating in the event were Father J. N. Brown, Ph.D., superintendent of Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, principal speaker; Father John A. Leal of St. Joseph's Church at Mission San Jose, who blessed the ground; and Father T. H. Gabish, chaplain at St. Mary's and Father Thomas A. Riordan of St. Joseph's.

### SUIT ASKS RETURN OF \$2,500 WATCH

Return of a \$2,500 diamond and sapphire-studded wrist-watch and band from the Hidden Valley Dude Ranch at Mission San Jose is being sought by Mrs. Eunice Shapiro, 37-year-old ex-Ziegfeld Follies star, in a suit now on file in Superior Court.

The suit claims the watch, left with other valuables with Fred and Jessie Goossen, ranch operators, and Charles Schultz, manager, as collateral for an unpaid inn bill, was not returned upon payment of the charge. She alleges Goossen was "unable to explain its present whereabouts, violating thus his duty to keep the watch safely and permitted it to be taken away by some person unknown."

Mrs. Shapiro, now an Oakland beauty operator, once danced under the name of Nitzia Vernille.

### LOCAL DELEGATION ATTENDS HEARING

A representation of four persons from Washington Township attended an Alameda County Planning Commission hearing in Oakland Tuesday afternoon in support of a proposed amendment to the county building code which would require use permits for new gravel operations.

The amendment underwent its first hearing in January. Attending were Mrs. William Ford, Mrs. Laura Whipple, Leon DeCaen and L. R. Batman. The local delegation explained to the commissioners that unless permits are required, Washington Township faces extensive and indiscriminate gravel operations which may destroy valuable land.

### G. B. COTTON TO HEAD NEWARK C.C. FOR COMING YEAR

Gordon B. Cotton, Newark general contractor, will be installed president of the Newark Chamber of Commerce January 18, at annual installation rites to be conducted by the club. Cotton was elected to the post Tuesday night, along with a full slate of organizational officials.

Serving with him will be Ed Bimemiller, vice-president; Wesley F. Sears, assistant secretary; Joseph E. Pashote, treasurer; and Frank X. Veit, J. R. Truscott, Harry Houston, Wesley F. Sears and Paul Gyax Jr., directors. Kenneth Foster, John S. Oliveira and Donald Dias were elected to the club's auditing committee.

#### VACANT POST

The post of secretary, now held by R. A. Alberts, was declared temporarily vacant by club members after James Robertson had declined nomination for the position. By mutual agreement, the club's nominating committee will meet this month, and report candidates back at the January meeting. Nominations from the floor and election will be held at that time. Meanwhile Alberts will continue to serve until a successor is found.

Cotton, who served as club vice-president last year, will succeed J. R. Truscott to the club helm. Pashote, re-elected treasurer for the third time, has served in that capacity since the chamber was incorporated in 1945. Sears will replace R. A. Jolly as assistant secretary.

Past presidents of the organization include Jolly, A. W. Cotton and Truscott.

Officers will be installed at the next regular meeting, set for January 18.

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### BIDS CALLED FOR MISSION SEWERS

The Irvington Sanitary District Board of Directors this week called for bids on construction of lines to complete sewerage of recently annexed Mission San Jose area.

Bids will be opened by the board at a meeting in Irvington January 18, according to R. J. Wright, board secretary.

In order to finance the work, bonds will be issued on special property assessments levied on lots served by the sewerage area. In order to accomplish this, the board last Friday set up a special tax assessment district following a hearing held in the Mission San Jose Grammar School.

During the meeting protests were heard concerning (1) proposed sewer routes, and (2) allegedly excessive tax assessments on farm land.

Following the meeting, however, the board adjourned to its Irvington office and there passed a resolution creating the new district.

Levies on property will be made in accordance with (1) foot frontage on new sewer lines for property served directly by the installations, and (2) in proportion to value of possible service in the case of property not lying adjacent to any lines.

A legal notice appearing today in The Register calls for the bids. Total cost of the project is said to be approximately \$60,000.

### NILES ROTARIANS HEAR KIRKBRIDE

Niles Rotarians yesterday heard the Rev. Donald Kirkbridge, pastor of the Niles Congregational Church, speak on "The True Story of Santa Claus," at the club's regular weekly luncheon.

Also on the program were songs by Miss Loretta Lewis, vocalist, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Marguerite Crane.



### Christmas Church Services

#### CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH Niles

The beautiful feast of the "Birth of Christ" will be observed at Corpus Christi Church with the impressive and traditional liturgy of the Church.

There will be a High Mass at 12 o'clock (midnight), also morning masses on Christmas Day at 7, 8:30 and 10 a.m. The appropriate Christmas music will be rendered at the Masses by the choir under the direction of Mrs. C. B. Crane and Miss Marilyn Enos.

At 11:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve a special program of religious Christmas carols will precede the High Mass, sung by the senior choir under the direction of Mrs. C. B. Crane.

#### NILES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

A Christmas carol service Christmas Eve at the church will follow a Christmas caroling tour by the Youth Fellowship group. Mrs. Charles Stoddard will be the organist at the 11 p.m. carol service at the church.

The Rev. Donald Kirkbridge's sermon topic for Sunday is "New Lease on Life." Mrs. F. V. Jones will be the organist at the Sunday morning service, and Mr. A. Storer the soloist.

#### HOLY ROSARY CHURCH Decoto

The Christmas Masses at Holy Rosary Church will be at midnight and at 8:30 a.m. on Christmas Day. The choir will be under the direction of Miss Margaret Williams, organist.

#### IRVINGTON COMMUNITY CHURCH Irvington

The Rev. Lester Eisel of San Francisco will conduct the communion service on Sunday at 11 a.m.

There will also be infant baptism at this service.

#### ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH Centerville

There will be two Christmas Eve services at St. James Church.

The first service will be held at 7 o'clock; and there will be a Christmas carol service at 11. Singing of carols by the choir will be followed at 11:30 by the celebration of the Holy Communion.

The choir will sing at the 10:30 service on Christmas morning, when there will be another celebration of the Holy Communion.

#### ST. ANNE'S CHURCH Alvarado

Christmas Masses:  
High Mass at midnight.  
Low Mass at 9 a.m.

### SANTA HEADLINES IRVINGTON PARTY

More than 500 Irvington children met Santa Claus, received free bags of popcorn and candy, and saw a movie and cartoons yesterday afternoon as guests of the Irvington Chamber of Commerce.

The party, held at the Irvington Theater, began at 2 p.m.

Arrangements for the party were under direction of a committee composed of Allan Hirsch, Sheldon E. DeRosa, Gus Robertson and Tony Alameda.

### TOWNSHIP FACES PHONE SHORTAGE FOR ANOTHER YEAR

"Growing pains" which now confront the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company throughout the Pacific Coast, probably will make it impossible for the company to fully satisfy Washington Township's telephone needs for from one to two years.

This was the gist of a talk delivered to the Newark Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night by W. W. Cole, P. T. & T. district manager for southern Alameda county.

"War-time and post-war shortages of essential materials which have led to rationing by industry, increased labor costs, and the tremendous growth in population and telephone demands throughout the Pacific Coast, will mean that all areas will have to suffer inconveniences until our company can catch up," he stated.

"Since June," he added, "more than 1100 new phones have been installed throughout the township, not including new dial systems in Centerville, Sunol and Alvarado. In June, there were 2423 held orders for phones, and now there are 2407 such orders.

"To show graphically how area phone needs have grown, there were 4837 phones in southern Alameda County in 1940, compared with 15,073 last November. That amounts to more than a 300 per cent increase in number of phones in this area alone.

"Unfortunately," he concluded, "although we are doing our utmost..."

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### FINAL RITES SAID FOR MRS. FIELDS

Funeral services were held Monday for Mrs. Caroline Fields, 83, 517 Second Street, Niles, a resident of Washington Township for nearly 60 years.

A native of Fayal, the Azores, she is survived by her husband, Joaquin Garcia Fields; a daughter, Mrs. Manuel Rose of Niles, and four step-children, Mrs. Anthony Avila of Centerville, Frank Fields of Niles, and Joseph Rodrigues and Joaquin Fields of San Jose.

Rites were said from the Berge Mortuary Company, followed by mass at the Corpus Christi Church. Interment was at the Holy Ghost Cemetery.

### MEN'S CLUB MEET SLATED IN SPRING

Newly elected Township Men's Club President E. E. Enos today announced his organization's next meeting will be held sometime next spring "when we thaw out."

Serving with Enos as club officers will be Roy Brown of Centerville, vice-president; Peter D. Juhl, Niles, secretary; and Claremont Cicada, of Centerville, treasurer.

Enos replaces Jack MacGregor, of Newark, as club prexy.

### DICK LESSER NOT HURT IN UTAH CRASH

Dick Lesser, son of C. W. Lesser of Hayward, superintendent of the Morton Salt Co. plant near Newark, returned to his home "only slightly worse for wear" this week, after narrowly escaping death in a bus crash in Utah Saturday which fatally injured at least 12 persons and injured 40 more.

### TOWNSHIP SHOCKED BY SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. NORRIS

The township was shocked to learn Wednesday morning of the death of Mrs. Clarabelle Norris, 38, wife of Judge Allen G. Norris of Centerville and member of a prominent Southern Alameda County family.

Funeral services will be held today (Friday) at one o'clock at the Chapel of the Palms in Centerville, with rites being conducted by the Reverend Phillips. Private burial rites and interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

The young woman, whose death leaves motherless a 12-year-old son, Logan, and an eight-year-old daughter, Nancy Jo, had been ill for several months.

Other survivors are her husband, her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Logan of Alvarado; and the following brothers and sisters: John M. Logan of Alvarado, Mrs. Jane Gordon of San Leandro, William F. Logan of Stockton, Mrs. J. V. Gould of Centerville, James S. Logan of Centerville, Mrs. Paul Elwood of Oakland, and Mrs. Alvin Searles of Decoto.

Mrs. Norris, born in Alvarado, was a member of Orient Chapter, O. E. S., the Country Club of Washington Township, and the Child Welfare Club.

### OFFICE SET FOR AGED, BLIND AID

Samuel Thompson, welfare director for Alameda County, announced this week that special arrangements have been made to receive applications for aged and blind state aid at Centerville Justice Court on January 6.

The arrangements, made at the request of Supervisor Chester E. Stanley, are for the convenience of residents of Washington Township.

The welfare office at Hayward will be open during regular office hours throughout the week to serve persons in the southern portion of the county.

### FARM BUREAU MEET SET JANUARY 5

Permission of the Home Department of the Farm Bureau to use the office of the Alameda County Agricultural Fair Association at Pleasanton fair grounds for a meeting to be held Wednesday afternoon, January 5, was granted this week by the Board of Supervisors on recommendation of Supervisor Chester E. Stanley. The request was made by Martha Faria of Niles.

## NEWS from Walt

We will be closed between  
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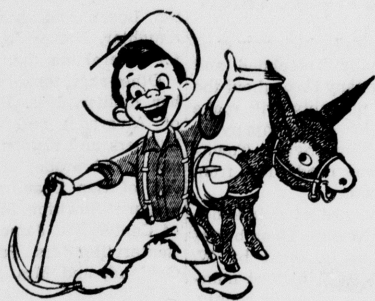
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gravestock and children will spend Christmas Eve at home but will motor over to Palo Alto on Christmas Day to be guests at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Gravestock.

MOTERING OVER to Pittsburg will be Mr. and Mrs. Victor Heschler of Niles, to be Christmas dinner guests at the home of her sister, Mrs. L. R. Hickey.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Holland of Centerville will spend Christmas at home. Her mother, Mrs. Rose Farley, will be with them.

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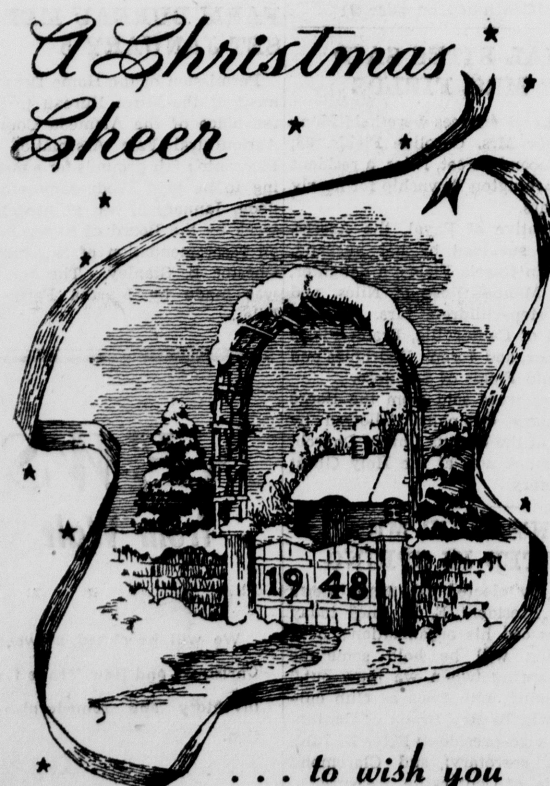
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## INTERNATIONAL KITCHEN

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## How They Will Observe Christmas

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. McWhirter will have out-of-town guests at their home over Christmas, including her mother, Mrs. Martha Parr of San Jose, and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. McWhirter and baby son, Tommy, of Los Angeles. Mr. McWhirter, who will be graduated from U.C.L.A. in January, majoring in education, will remain here with his family for two weeks.

A LARGE CROWD will gather at the Harvey Braun home in Centerville for Christmas dinner including their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wellmann; another son, Edward Wargin and his wife of San Rafael, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cozile and son of San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. William Straight of Tracy, Mrs. Dorothy Cameron and son, Don, of San Mateo, and Mr. and Mrs. William Estudillo and son and daughter of Niles.

CHRISTMAS will be much merrier than had been anticipated at the Herman Mau home in Centerville, for Mr. Mau, who recently had undergone surgery at the San Jose Hospital, will be able to be up and around, rather than being flat on his back as his family had thought he might be. Sharing the Christmas dinner at the

Mau home will be daughter Maxine, Mrs. Edith Wright, Mr. Mau's sister, and their other daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Riele and children, Pat and Karl.

The Dwight Thornburgs of Centerville left yesterday for southern California where they will spend Christmas with his father, Fred F. Thornburg, and brother, Charles Thornburg, at Alhambra. Motor-ing down with the Thornburgs was her mother, Mrs. Harriet Farr of Stockton. Tentative plans call for a return trip home before New Year's.

HAYWARD WILL BE the setting for the Christmas festivities of Mr. and Mrs. Rinaldo Caminada and children of Decoto who will be guests of Mrs. Caminada's mother, at a family reunion. Mr. and Mrs. J. Beronassissi of Lafayette will be guests of the Caminadas over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. W. Pugmire will have as their dinner guests on Christmas Day their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Allsop and their two children, Lynn and Diane. They also expect to motor to San Francisco to call upon Mr. Allsop's mother and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. M. Pugmire and children, Carol and Vaughn, left for Utah Sunday morning to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Pugmire's relatives, the Wm.

Woods, and also with Mr. Pugmire's relatives, all of whom live in or near Salt Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. James Neill of Duarte Avenue, Niles, will be the Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Jardy in Oakland.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stearns will have as their dinner guests on Christmas Day their sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Fournier and sons, Don and Peter, of Oakland, and Mr. and Mrs. Vlois Fournier and daughters, Charlene and Donna, of Hayward. Sunday the Stearns will motor to Berkeley where they will enjoy another Christmas dinner with their daughter, Mrs. Nellie Kirby and family.

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Cull of Jay Street will enjoy the company of their grandson, Billy Cull of Richmond, during the Christmas holidays. On Christmas Day the three will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Garner at dinner. Other guests of the Garners include Mr. and Mrs. Robert Catlett of Sacramento.

THERE WILL BE a family gathering of twelve at the Wallace Ebright home in Niles for Christmas dinner, ten of them staying overnight.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Christensen of Thornton Avenue will be her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Christensen and two children of Oakland, and uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Lee of Alvarado, and cousins, Mr. and Mrs. A. Vargas and daughter, Yvonne, of Alvarado.

The Reverend Arthur Freeman and his wife and daughter, Cynthia, of Centerville, who hail from Louisiana, will observe Christmas in true Southern fashion, for they will be dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shepherd of Centerville, who call Alabama their home state.

There will be out-of-town guests at the Dan Marble home for over the holidays—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Klinkle of Grass Valley.

The George family of Niles—including Mr. and Mrs. Frank George and son, Clayton, and Mr. and Mrs. Tony George and son, Marvin—will motor down to Hayward and have Christmas dinner at the Everett Freitas home. Accompanying them will be Miss Lee Horat of Centerville. The occasion will also mark the 26th wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Frank George.

Mrs. Marie Bishop, her two sons and daughter, will be Christmas dinner guests at the Oakland home of Mr. and Mrs. Hal McGrath. Mrs. McGrath is the former Dorothy Tyson of Niles.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Benbow of Irvington will motor up to Woodland to spend the holiday with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. George Burger.

IN CENTERVILLE, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cardoza will be hosts at Christmas dinner for Mrs. Loretta Ferguson of Centerville, Mrs. Louisa Cardoza of Centerville, Mr. and Mrs. John Santos and daughter, Patsy, of Centerville, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cunha of Decoto, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Guzzi and daughter, Carol, of Hayward.

Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Suhnel, who had a big family dinner over Thanksgiving, are going to make it a leisurely Christmas, with "open house" during the day for their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Vargas and their family of Centerville, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Amaral Jr. and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Foster, David Vargas and Elaine, all of Irvington, will spend Christmas Eve and Christmas day dinner at the home of Mrs. Mae Henry and Miss Anna Vargas of San Leandro. The Kenneth Fosters of Newark will host a Christmas party for her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Durham of Irvington, and his brother, Bob Foster, and wife and children, Lynn and Ann of Mt. View.

AT THEIR NEWARK home, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Scott will have as dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott of San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stevenson of Centerville will be dinner guests on Christmas at the home of her mother, Mrs. P. E. Cromwell of San Francisco; then will return to Centerville to prepare for their trip to Pasadena on the 29th to take in the Rose Bowl game on New Year's Day.

Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Grimmer Jr. of Niles will be hosts at a family dinner party, not only for Dr. Grimmer's family, but for her parents, too, Dr. and Mrs. D. L. Folsom, who arrived this week from their home in Salt Lake City for the holidays.

The Roland Bendels of Niles have an added Christmas surprise in the arrival of their son, Ensign Roland Bendel, from his base in

Pensacola, Florida. Arriving here last Saturday for a month's leave, he came across the country by car.

THE OVERACKER CLAN will gather at "Mother" Overacker's (Mrs. M. J. Overacker Sr.) for the annual Christmas dinner. Included will be the M. J. Overackers Jr., Theo and Howard Overacker, and the Ed Chadbourne.

Mr. and Mrs. Bain Leask and son of Niles will have their Christmas dinner at home, but on the following day will motor over to San Leandro to continue festivities at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hendee, where they will welcome mutual friends from Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Nichols.

FROM HAWAII, in time to spend the holidays with the A. W. Gorman family of Niles, is Richard Botts, nationally known magazine writer. He arrives this morning by plane from the Island, post-dating by only a few days the arrival of Miss Jacqueline Gorman from Hawaii. Other guests of the Gormans for Christmas dinner will be Mr. and Mrs. Chris McCullough of San Francisco. Mr. Botts will be here until New Year's.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Griffin of Irvington have elected the most popular form of Christmas observance—staying at home for a family dinner.

Mrs. E. H. Hirsch and the Walter Connolly family will also spend Christmas at home with the children. Out-of-town guests will be Mr. Connolly's father, Mr. M. P. Connolly, and sister, Miss Lucille Connolly.

Mrs. Charles Myrick and her son, Jack, will motor over to San Mateo to spend Christmas at the home of another son, Charles, and his family.

Mrs. Edna Overacker of Niles will be at home dining with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Svoboda, on Christmas Day.

The LeCount family of Newark will motor over to San Leandro on Christmas Day to dine with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. LeCount. Included will be the LeCount's daughters, Mrs. Luther Hudson and her husband, Mrs. Joe Garcia and husband and daughter Marcia, and the other two daughters, Marilyn and Barbara.

FROM HANFORD for the holiday is Mrs. J. C. L. Irwin, mother of Mrs. Lew Musick of Niles. She will have Christmas dinner with the Musicks, as will also Mr. Musick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eph Musick.

### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all of my friends and neighbors for their kind thoughtfulness in sending me cards, flowers, and "get-well" wishes during my illness.

ANNA BRADFORD

The California Division of Mines is now in its 99th fiscal year.

### PHONE SHORTAGE

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most to catch up with township installations, maintenance and service, the situation probably won't be cured before the end of 1950.

FOCAL POINT  
Cole stated Newark is the focal point of trouble in the township, and that his firm plans to erect a new building and install new dial equipment within a year. The present system, installed in 1935, is being taxed to the limit, with 269 subscribers. In 1935, upon installation, 65 phones were located in Newark, and in 1940 there were 83. In addition, Cole stated, there are 44 held orders in the town for new phones.

The new exchange will be located on Thornton avenue between Magnolia and Sycamore avenues, and approximately \$50,000 will be spent for the building and new equipment.

No other major expenditures for new central offices in the township are contemplated during the coming year, Cole stated, although a new dial exchange for Irvington remains a future project.

A total of 245 orders for new phones are presently backlogged in the township.

HALF BILLION  
"Our company already has spent over 275 million dollars in phone installations since the war," Cole stated, "and plans now call for expenditure of more than 300 million dollars more. That makes more than a half billion dollars spent just catching up with growth in the west."

He stated cable shortages and temporary shortages of other materials, as well as lack of central office facilities remain greatest obstacles to full realization of complete telephone service in the township.

More than 350 persons are employed by the company here.

## NILES CUB PACK GIVES YULE PARTY

The newly organized Niles Cub Pack had its first pack meeting on Thursday, Dec. 16, in the grammar school auditorium. Four dens participated in the program which included Christmas carols, recitations, a display of work accomplished in den meeting, and the presentation of registration cards by Mr. Frank Buck, an executive of the Boy Scouts of America.

It is hoped that the registration will be increased in the coming year. Comprising the present enrollment are Bobby Boliba, Kenny Cole, Gary Gellerman, Donald Wood, Gerald Rodriguez, Douglas Elliott, Kenneth Andrus, Billy Dale Odom, Clifford White, Donald Dewey, Wayne James, Gerald Sloniker, Thomas Sloniker, Tony Sisenos, Richard Porter, Leonard Enos, Gene Cohn and Coy Odom.

The committee and den mothers will meet during the first week in January at a time and place to be designated by Cubmaster Joe Enos. At this meeting the theme for the following month's program will be planned and arrangements made for the next monthly pack meeting.

## TRAFFIC SQUAD MEMBERS TREATED

Members of the Centerville Elementary School Junior Traffic Patrol today are "recuperating" from Tuesday night's annual Christmas party program.

Following the Christmas dinner, sponsored by the Centerville Lions Club, the boys were guests of Manager Roy French of the Center Theater for a movie.

School Principal Tom Maloney, a past president of the Lions Club, accompanied the group.

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## NEWARK CHAMBER

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uary 18, at the Newark Youth Center. Ceremony plans as yet are indefinite.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Pashote presented a year's report on chamber finances, which revealed a balance of \$104.58 remains in the treasury. In addition, he stated, the club holds \$100 in scrip against the Washington Union High School Stadium committee.

### STREETS AND LIGHTS

County Roadmaster Joe Telles, invited to appear as a guest speaker at the meeting, hinted Newark would receive county relief for bad road conditions existing in the town by next spring.

"Newark has been left behind in the past," he commented, referring to past road work. However, he listed three projects either now under way or contemplated for the immediate future, including (1) surfacing both sides of Thornton avenue in the town's business district, to provide more parking area; (2) oiling a portion of Birch Road from Thornton avenue to Bane avenue; and (3) ultimate rebuilding of Thornton avenue, slated for next spring.

### MORE ROAD WORK

He stated that county road activity in Newark will be increased in the future.

Telles had been contacted by a chamber street and lights committee, headed by Ed Birmemiller, assisted by John Oliveira, A. W. Cotton, Veit, T. C. Gunn, Jack MacGregor, S. G. Scott, Gyax, and Dias.

### CHRISTMAS PLANS

Success of this year's chamber-sponsored Christmas program was assured by Christmas committee member Paul Gyax, who told the chamber plans are all set to have Santa Claus cover Newark Christmas Eve, stopping at each home with porch light lit, and distributing candy and presents to each child in respective families.

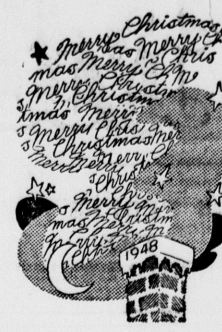
### SANTA DROPS IN

"Santa will start out early on Christmas Eve," Gyax stated, "and will drop in at each home which has a porch light burning. He'll be well supplied with appropriate gifts for each child." He urged all parents in Newark who wish Santa to call to leave porch lights burning early Christmas Eve. "Santa has a lot to do that night," he stated, "and he will have to get started pretty early."

More than 500 stockings filled with candy, and numerous gifts already have been wrapped and made ready for the evening, he reported. Funds for the stunt have been raised by house-to-house soliciting throughout the community.

### ANNUAL AFFAIR

Possibility that the stunt may be continued on an annual basis was discussed by Gyax, who also mentioned the chamber contest for store and home Christmas decorations.



## NILES MACHINE & TOOL WORKS

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**FOURTH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED BY PARTY**

Frank Mayer II celebrated his fourth birthday "in style" last week at a party held at the home of his parents on Main street in Irvington.

Attending the festivities, complete with ice cream and cake, were Richard Hirsch, Larry and Bobby Guardanapo and Larry Armstrong.

**IRVINGTON FAMILY ON CHRISTMAS VISIT**

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Armstrong and daughter and son of Irvington left Sunday Arizona-bound to visit relatives over the Christmas holidays.

They are expected to return to their Main Street home shortly after New Year's.

Mr. Armstrong is employed at the Occidental Stove plant.

**Christmas Held Twice Yearly**

If children instead of their parents were allowed to choose the family homesite, the tiny fishing village of Rodanthe, N. C., would become a metropolis overnight. Here's a place they celebrate two Christmases every year.

Santa Claus, his reindeer scampering over the sands of North Carolina's outer banks, makes his first stop in Rodanthe during his annual world tour on the night of December 24. Hardly have the children recovered from their oversupply of candy and wild duck when Santa returns in time for "Old Christmas," which for hundreds of years Rodantheans have celebrated on January 5. This time, however, Santa is accompanied by a menacing ogre, known as "Old Buck."



who takes care of the bad children while Santa administers to the good. The historical background of "Old Christmas" is uncertain. It may be a throwback to the Gregorian calendar or it may have started as a celebration of the Twelfth Night—when the wise men came to Bethlehem bearing gifts for the Christ child—that somehow got off schedule a day. Elsewhere the Twelfth Night is celebrated on January 6. But those celebrations are far different from Rodanthe's "Old Christmas," which only in recent years has been supplemented by the observance of December 25.

**MONEY SENT TO AID SICK VETERANS**

A check for \$50, to aid a ward at the Livermore Veterans Hospital, was sent this week by Alvarado V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary, Post 7906, this week, according to Mildred Silva, publicity chairman. The money will be used to purchase needed articles for the ward.



**SANTA CLAUS** is one of the most precious wonders of childhood. American mothers overwhelmingly agree that he should be portrayed as the spirit of generosity, kindness, and gift-giving.

Although the modern conception of Santa Claus is American, the Spirit of Santa Claus is neither modern nor American. The real Saint Nicholas lived in Asia Minor and ever since his death in 343 stories concerning him have been repeated around the firesides of Europe.

The children of Lapland and northern climates naturally picture Santa dressed in fur and dashing through the snow in a reindeer-drawn sleigh. But in central Europe, St. Nicholas first appeared on his liturgical feast day, December 6, and he was a thin, austere churchman who rode a mule and carried gifts for good children and a bundle of birch rods with which to switch the naughty.

Under Dutch influence St. Nicholas lost his solemnity. The Dutch colonists who brought him to America were very practical people and they decided against two gift-giving days in the same month. Thus, Sinter Klass started coming around only at Christmas time.

**Santa Gets a Sleigh.** Eventually, ancient legends were woven into American Christmas traditions. Washington Irving sent St. Nicholas flying through Christmas skies in a reindeer-drawn sleigh in 1809; Dr. Clement Moore's poem "The Night Before Christmas," written in 1822, gave Santa "... a little round belly that shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly;" and a series of drawings in 1868 by Thomas Nast added much to the traditional pictures and appearance of the Santa we see today.

In every youngster's life there comes the time when he begins to suspect that the various be-whiskered gentlemen, so numerous during this season, are not exactly the real Santa Claus. Wise parents advance the "helper" theory as soon as they are asked questions and teach their children to make the Christmas dreams of less fortunate tots and their families come true.

Thus, the real Santa Claus isn't just myth or legend. He is the Spirit of Christmas who lives in the sparkling eyes of children and in the hearts of all grown-ups who strive for peace and good will among men.



The minstrels played their Christmas tune. Tonight beneath my cottage eaves; While, smitten by a lofty moon, The encircling laurels, thick with leaves, Gave back a rich and dazzling sheen, That overpowered their natural green.

Through hill and valley every breeze Had sunk to rest with folded wings; Keen was the air, but could not freeze, Nor check the music of the strings; So stout and hardy were the band That scraped the chords with strenuous hand.

And who but listened? 'Till was paid Respect to every inmate's claim; The greeting given, the music played In honor of each household name, Duly pronounced with lusty call, And "merry Christmas" wished to all!

—William Wordsworth.

**Parents Can Spoil Children's Play**

Here's a Christmas resolution for parents. It's one that ought to be made before New Year's resolutions are even considered. It goes, "I will keep my hands off the children's toys all day on Christmas."

It'll be a hard one to keep because Mother likes to fuss with Ann's doll. She pretends she is showing Ann how to put on the bonnet, but she's actually having a grand time playing. And once Father gets his hands on the train, or the auto that winds up, the boys can't get near them.

It isn't fair. The children are crying for a little peace and freedom. After all, adults can play with toys for the next 364 days if they want to.

**Christmas Quiz**

How much do you and your family really know about Christmas? Try this one on them when there's a lull in the fun. Both children and adults will enjoy matching wits and everybody will learn something more about Christmas.

1. The Christmas custom of kissing under the mistletoe started in (a) Norway, (b) Russia, (c) Holland.

2. The story of the birth of Jesus is described in which two books of the New Testament (a) St. John, (b) St. Matthew, (c) St. Luke, (d) St. Mark?

3. The national Christmas tree of America is located in (a) Indiana (b) New York, (c) Washington, D. C., (d) California.

4. Who wrote "The Night Before Christmas"? (a) Longfellow, (b) Guest, (c) Moore?

5. There is only one town in the world named Santa Claus. It is located in (a) Holland, (b) England, (c) Indiana.

6. Tuberculosis Christmas seals originated in (a) America, (b) Germany, (c) Denmark.

7. The custom of hanging holly in the window on Christmas was originally started (a) to keep witches away, (b) to decorate the window (c) as an invitation to passers-by to come in.

8. Christmas boxes for the poor originated in (a) France in 1887, (b) ancient Rome, (c) America in 1763.

9. The children of what country get Christmas gifts from a kindly old witch by the name of Befano instead of from Santa Claus? (a) Russia, (b) China, (c) France, (d) Italy.

10. The word "Noel" means (a) new, (b) holiday, (c) born.

**Christmas Quiz Answers:**

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|--------|-------|
| 1. a   | 6. c  |
| 2. b-c | 7. a  |
| 3. d   | 8. b  |
| 4. c   | 9. d  |
| 5. c   | 10. c |

**CHRISTMAS 'MOTHER'S DAY'**

In Yugoslavia, the second Sunday before Christmas is celebrated as Mother's day. While mother pretends not to notice, one of the children slips in cautiously and ties her feet to the chair. The other children rush in shouting, "Mother's day! Mother's day! What will you pay to get away!" The mother then buys her release with Christmas gifts.

Sacramento citizens put up the money to finance the California State Fairs of 1864-65, when the Legislature refused to do so because of post-Civil War money shortage.

Say you saw it in The Register.

**HOLD YULE FETE**

More than 160 persons attended Christmas party festivities last Friday night, held by Local 62, Stove Mounters Union, at the Irvington skating rink.

Robert Griswold was in charge of the program, assisted by Harold Garcia and Kenneth Perry.

Decorations were hung for the evening, and dancing and refreshments were provided.

**ROBERTSONS LEAVE ON CHRISTMAS TRIP**

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Robertson and children of Irvington left last night bound for southern California to spend the Christmas holidays.

They plan to go to Los Angeles, where they will visit the Les Hillers, former Irvington residents.

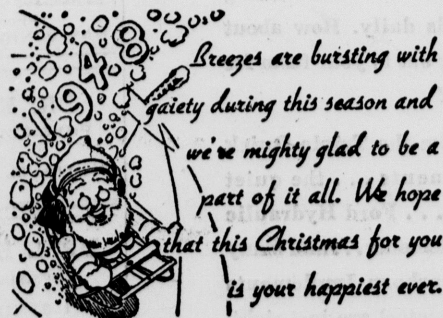
Orbie, Calvin, Janet and Leah Robertson will accompany their parents on the trip.



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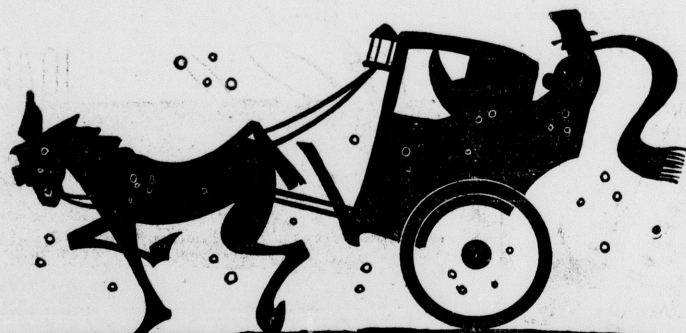




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NEWARK

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## Talk of the Township

**UNLUCKIEST GUYS** of the week turn out to be Louis Calderia and Joseph E. Pashote Jr. of the Newark Fire Department. Since they work on a 24-hour relief basis, Calderia spends Christmas, and Pashote spends all day New Years—behind those big red wagons.

**AND SPEAKING** of Calderia, it's said he met one of his bosses under somewhat unusual circumstances last Saturday . . . when called to extinguish a blaze at Newark Fire Protection District Commissioner Tony Martin's Newark place of business.

**THE BYSTANDER** always suffers . . . and so it was in the case of R. J. Wright, secretary of the Irvington Sanitary District, at last Friday night's protest hearing in Mission San Jose. Wright forgot to bring along his specs, and so sat the evening out with a bad headache, thoroughly unrelated to sewer tax assessment matters under discussion.

**WHEN LOCAL** television sets showed up with a filmed version of the Missouri-Ohio State game one recent Saturday, video gained a real fan-for-a-day. Seems Harry Houston of Newark had a filial interest in the tilt . . . his brother Bill, who scales in at 6 foot 3, and 230 pounds, was giving the do-or-die try for old Missouri, as a varsity lineman . . . but brother Harry couldn't find him!

**JUST LEARNED** the other day that the late Lincoln S. Church, who wielded a gavel in the cause of justice on one of the County Superior Court benches, was a native of Alvarado.

**SEEN' THINGS** . . . Like road crews busily asphaltting streets in the Lindsay Tract near Newark—surrounded by mudholes . . . the concrete N I L E S up on the hill sheathed in "timid" green, thanks to recent rains . . . Newark P. O. front door Monday, Dec. 20, sporting this informative sign: "Open all day next Saturday, December 18" . . . Irvington Branch, Central Bank, and Centerville's Norb's Sport Shop caroling respective areas via loud-speaker systems . . . the many bonfires throughout the township, all belching sparks from newly pruned tree limbs.

**THAT WEDNESDAY** cold wave Oakland scribes raved about to thaw out on leaves us frigid, too. Tony Alves in Niles reported a cool reading of 31 degrees when he inspected the lumber office thermometer upon coming to work. By noon, the mercury at Washington High had risen to just 34 degrees, according to Mrs. Evelyn Rose, who patrols the office there.

Average production in San Joaquin Valley cotton fields was 694 pounds to the acre in 1947.



Greetings to  
all our friends  
this Christmas  
Season.



### EL PAJARO BEAUTY SALON

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## CANYON HEIGHTS

By MARGARET COLE

### SUNDAY GUESTS

The O. B. Stangers of Canyon Heights Drive had as their guests on Sunday their daughter, Joyce, Al Dias of Richmond, Dovel White who is in his second year at State College, and Waine Johns, an air corps cadet from Merced.

### CLUB MEETING

Mrs. Matthews announces that the Improvement Club will meet on the first Tuesday of January for election of officers.

### HAPPY DAYS!

Happy days at the Crosswhites! Son Larry Powell, in the air corps, is home for Christmas. Larry is stationed at March Field.

### AGAIN!

Leon Musgrove did it again! You guessed it! Another turkey at the shoot last Sunday.

### FROM OKLAHOMA

The Clifford Whites of Canyon Heights Drive are delighted to have with them Berniece's father, Mr. Walter Barker of Lawton, Okla. Mr. Barker, who is convalescing, will stay here about two months.

### NEW DAIRY FARMER

Mr. Borba has already begun operations at his newly-purchased dairy farm in Modesto. There you have a man who is doing exactly the kind of work he has always wanted. Congratulations, Irven! We'll all miss you and the family when they leave here sometime in January.

### IT'S FUN!

Had a long talk with Mrs. Mara about folk-dancing. She's so keenly enthused about it that it makes one want to go to some of her classes. There's a beginners' class on Tuesday evenings at Alvarado. Mrs. Mara says that Deanna tap-danced for the Alvarado Eagles at their Christmas party on Monday evening.

### REAL NEWS!

Oops! There goes my Pop making like Dagwood late for work. Out of bed and out of the door like a streak of lightning in answer to a call from A. P. Radio. They just hanged Tojo and Co. and there's a flood of news stories coming in from Japan.

### DINNER PARTY

The D. J. Clarks gave a dinner party on Wednesday on the occasion of their daughter, Rosie's, birthday. On hand to offer congratulations were her sister, Alma, Jeannette Cartwright, Margaret Cole, Jess Landrum and Herbert Cartwright.

### CHILDREN BORN TO TWO DECOTO COUPLES

Seven-pound Richard Rodriguez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rodriguez of 504 Eighth Street, Decoto, checked in at the Hayward Hospital recently, weighing seven pounds at birth.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Vasquez of 224 Sixth Street, Decoto, are the proud parents of a baby daughter born December 14 at the Hayward Hospital. Unnamed as yet, the baby girl weighed nine pounds, eight ounces at birth.

## TWENTY YEARS AGO...

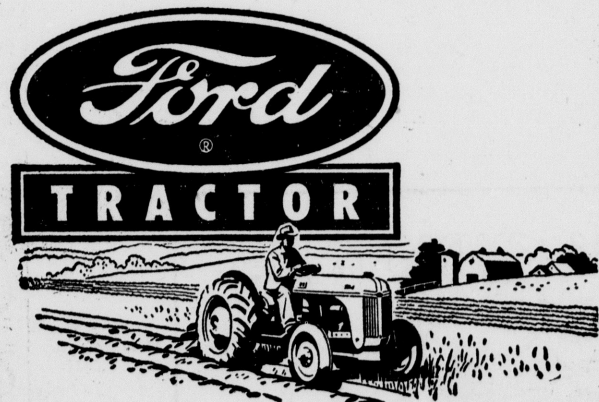
(From the 1928 Files of The Township Register)

Two burglars who netted \$20 in a daring daylight robbery in Decoto were being sought by local police. The pair bound and gagged A. S. Kendall, proprietor of the Dry Creek Service Station, before getting the cash.

Driver of a stolen Star roadster which crashed on Mission Hill was the object of a township-wide search. Neither hid nor hair of the man was seen since the mishap.

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### CLOTHING STOLEN IN

### WEEK-END ROBBERY

Theft of more than \$500 worth of clothing from cars parked at a Hayward night club was reported to county sheriff's deputies last recently by seven persons, four of them residents of Washington Township.

Township victims were Xerxes Stone, 42, Alvarado; Edward L. Hughes, 27, Irvington; George C. Davis, 48, Niles; and George Luna, 62, Decoto.

They told deputies the items, such as overcoats, hats and sport coats, were removed from the autos by burglars who forced entry by prying open car wing windows.

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## The FARMERS CORNER

by RALPH H. TAYLOR

Executive Secretary Agricultural Council of California

In recent weeks several Washington dispatches have quoted farm experts of the Department of Agriculture to the effect that the nation's rural economy is heading for trouble. Postwar prosperity, enjoyed by the farmer as by everyone else, has passed its peak, they report, and the farmer's future is overcast. These authorities, whose duties embrace the analysis of factual data and the forecast of probable future developments, put the case this way:

Cash receipts from marketing leveled off abruptly during the summer and will continue to dip through the remainder of the year. On the other hand, costs continue to increase. Expenses involved in the planting and harvesting of crops, the raising of hogs and cattle, the production of milk and eggs, will be up about 7 per cent this year over 1947.

As a consequence, for the first time in ten years net farm income

will show considerable reduction—approximately 8 per cent less than the 1947 figure.

Meanwhile, rising prices for things the farmer buys are tilting his budget out of balance. Farm wages are five to ten per cent higher than a year ago; the cost of farm machines was up 60 per cent last June over the comparative month of 1940 and 15 per cent higher than a year ago; fertilizers cost 80 per cent more in the first half of 1948 than in the prewar period; construction costs are at record heights; farmers who owe on their land are finding payments taking a larger portion of income as prices head down or level off.

All this does not necessarily add up to a pending or probable collapse of the national farm economy, for continued demand for agricultural products abroad, plus farm price supports, provide a cushion against that possibility.

But on the question of price supports there is considerable public misunderstanding. Many critics of such supports minimize or deny the fact that any drastic falling off of farm prices, to the point where production costs exceed income, must inevitably result in rural depression, followed also inevitably by depression throughout the nation.

Yet economic history of the past few decades proves without question that when the farmer starts on the toboggan his decline communicates itself to the metropolitan cities with the result that both rural and urban dwellers finally find themselves in the same straits. And, conversely, the records show that national employment and income rise with prosperity on the farm.

At one time the notion was widespread that farm property was not indispensable to prosperity in the cities. The fallacy of that view was painfully exposed in the early '30s. While there is no question that in some instances there can be some adjustments downward to bring a number of commodity prices in line with the rest of the economy, it is also true that a drastic tailspin affecting the farm price structure will mean ruin again not only for the farmer but for millions of city workers who depend upon the productivity of the land for their livelihood.

In these circumstances, moderate price supports are insurance for everyone against a farm price collapse that would plunge the entire American economy into a depression, as it did in 1920-21 and again in 1930-31. How extensive

## HIT-RUN VICTIM SUCCUMBS SUNDAY

An Alvarado man, struck by a hit-run motorist November 28, died Sunday afternoon in Highland Alameda County Hospital, after being in an unconscious state for 21 days since the accident.

He is Clarence Cockett, 26, who resided at the Riverside Hotel, 1050 Granger street, Alvarado.

He passed away at 1:15 p.m. Sunday, of injuries including a fractured skull, contusion of the brain, and bronchial pneumonia. Hospital attendants revealed he had never regained consciousness since the mishap.

Cockett was discovered November 28 lying face down on the Southern Pacific tracks at Smith street in Alvarado by Samuel M. Duran, 413 Ninth street, Decoto, a friend, who was returning home from a late movie. He evidently had been struck by a passing motorist while crossing the intersection.

those supports should be a matter for expert consideration and Congressional determination, always remembering that few farmers will want to exchange price supports for a regimented or dictated farm economy. There is a middle ground that can and must be achieved.

Public discussion of this subject should not overlook additional important factors. Consumers, pinched by high retail prices, cannot fully benefit from lower prices on farm products while processing, transportation, and other handling costs remain at present levels or continue to rise. Furthermore, the average range of farm prices is not out of line with the general inflated national wage and income level. The consumer, whether he believes it or not, can buy as much food today with 20 per cent of his income as he bought with 23 per cent of his prewar income. Then too, it is a fact that the farmer's share of the consumer's dollar averages 51 cents—the remainder being spent for costs that pile up after the produce leaves the farmer's hands.

The Washington administration, by bringing more stability into the general price level, could make a tremendous contribution to lowering living costs for everyone. It remains to be seen whether that stability is achieved.

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## FARM NEWS

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Farm Advisor Lee Benson, University of California Agricultural Extension Service, reports the arrival of a supply of new leaflets from the College of Agriculture, entitled "Swine Feeding Experiments." The authors, E. H. Hughes and Herbert Heitman Jr., both of the Department of Animal Husbandry at the College of Agriculture, give the results of four investigations on the subject of swine feeding. In brief, these are:

1. Up to 30 per cent of cooked or steamed lima beans may be added to the diet of pigs. Damaged or cull beans are available in some parts of California at a saving and are high in protein.

2. About 10 per cent of potato meal can be added to the diet of small pigs weighing less than 100 pounds, and up to 40 per cent to the diet of bigger pigs, to replace part of the barley in the ration.

3. Soybean meal is an excellent plant protein. It may be used to replace tankage in feeding swine.

4. A good, cost-reducing practice is to allow hogs to harvest themselves a crop of double dwarf milo and cowpeas.

Those are the four cost-saving practices that were developed in the feeding experiments. If you would like to know more details to help you with your own swine feeding, call or write to the Agricultural Extension Service office, basement, post office building, Hayward, for your free copy of "Swine Feeding Experiments."

### PESTS IN STORED GRAIN

Many thousands of dollars worth of feed seed and are destroyed every year by insect pests in stored grain. Vernon Miller, assistant farm adviser, University of California, wants to remind you again that you need not suffer these losses.

The first thing to remember is that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure in this case. Clean your bins well before you use them. Get rid of the small lots of grain that may be still in the bins, and then sweep them out thoroughly. Follow this with a spray. Miller recommends mixing one gallon of pyrethrum extract with 19 gallons of odorless, tasteless kerosene-type oil. Or you can use a DDT solution for the spraying—eight pounds of wettable 50 per cent DDT plus 1/2 gallon of oil emulsion to every 100 gallons of water. But remember—this is for empty bins. Do not spray the grain with DDT or use DDT dust to clean up the bins. Weevils are happiest in grain

## YULE PAGEANT SHOWINGS HELD

Before overflowing audiences at both performances in the school auditorium, students of Washington Union High School last Friday and Sunday staged performances of the annual Christmas pageant, "Prince of Peace."

More than 50 students appeared on stage during the program, portraying roles in four dramatic scenes and four tableaux settings.

The play was directed by Mrs. Martha Hartsog, drama teacher. Music for the program was directed by Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Thornburg, leading a chorus of 60 students.

Preceding the pageant, which lasted approximately one hour, Mr. Thornburg presented an organ recital.

that is warm and wet. There's not much can be done about the temperature, but storing the grain with a low moisture content will help—both in keeping the insects out and keeping the temperature down.

Now, if the weevils have gotten into your grain in spite of all the precautions you have taken, you can still turn to the fumigants. What type you will use will depend upon your own type of storage and your personal preference. It's important to realize, however, that there are some dangers in using fumigants. They range from the mildly toxic to the extremely poisonous—and in some cases present a fire hazard. So never fumigate unless you have complete directions and follow them closely.

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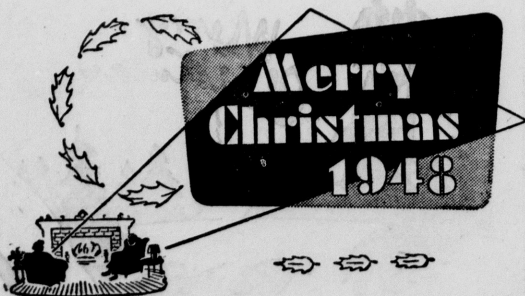


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that your home is blessed with all the contentment possible during this holiday season.

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Perhaps the most typical thing about America at this time is the Christmas tree, for with its holiday garb of tinsel and goodies, its religious significance and spirit of festivity, it mirrors the cultural traditions and customs of the world.



**JAPANESE FOLLOW WESTERN CHRISTMAS TREE CUSTOM.**—The Japanese have adopted the Christmas tree and given it an oriental appearance by decorating its branches with Japanese dolls, woodcuts, small tangerines and rice cookies called "sembei," that hold paper slips of fortunes.



**FRENCH CONTRIBUTE GLITTER TO TREE.**—Sweet as the bonbon she holds is this French lass in her Normandy dress—and frothy as the sugar-ball hanging from its branches is the French tree.



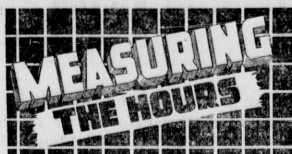
**CHRISTMAS TREE ORIGINATED IN GERMANY.**—An apron full of ginger-bread cookies from a German tree, traditionally decorated with ginger-cakes, nuts, apples, marzipans, and candy-filled cornucopias. Chains and baskets made by hand—from ordinary newspaper when nothing more suitable is available—complete its trimmings. Candles have been used to illuminate it ever since the time of Martin Luther, when the custom of decorating trees at Christmas first began.



**MANGER SCENE IN ITALY.**—An Italian girl attaches an angel to a pine branch above the crib, traditional Italian symbol of Christmas. The custom dates back to 1223 when St. Francis of Assisi arranged the first crib in the chancel of the church at Greccio, Italy, using a simple manger with a doll to represent the Christ Child and adding live animals for reality. The manger has become a recognized symbol of religious significance throughout the Christian world.



**FOLK-MOTIFS ON CZECH TREE.**—Pretty Czech angels lend a touch of heaven to the Czech tree decorated with clusters of gilded nuts, apples, and cookies made to resemble animal figures, peasant girls, stars and village huts. Local folk-motifs are noticeable in the trimmings on the angels' gowns, closely patterned after the braided design on the bodice of the peasant girl's holiday garb.



THE clock has had the privilege of striking midnight and being the first to announce the arrival of the New Year for only about six centuries. Before that, man measured the hours in several different ways.

Primitive man measured the length of a day by the moving shadows which reflected the sun's daily course across the heavens.

The first timepiece was probably a pole and a stone—the pole to cast a shadow and the stone to mark where the shadow fell when the sun was highest.

As man became more accustomed to regulating his activities according to specific intervals of time, he devised the "water-thief," the hourglass, and finally the mechanical clock.

Even the simplest "water-thief" measured time accurately because a regular interval of time passed between the moment it was filled and the moment it became empty—and this interval could be timed by the sun.

The hourglass was better than the "water-thief" because it was cheaper, it would not freeze or spill and it did not require refilling.

Real, mechanically operated clocks were not constructed until the thirteenth century. The word "clock" has been derived from the French "cloche," which means bell, and probably owes its connection with timekeeping to the custom of ringing bells to announce the passing of the hours.



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

Into every chimney of every home — we're dropping a Christmas package of best Yuletide wishes for everyone.

**NEWARK PHARMACY**

Newark



Once again, as the glow of the holiday season envelops the land, we extend our friendliest greetings and warmest wishes for a joyous Yuletide season.

**THE ELLSWORTH CO.**  
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The old message of "Peace on earth; good will to men" echoes again over the entire Christian world in this happy holiday season. Harking back to the spirit of the first Christmas, we wish for you all the joys and blessings of the season.

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We sing out the gay greeting...  
**HAPPY HOLIDAY!**

**SLETTEN'S DEPARTMENT STORE**

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A Cheery Christmas Season To All...



**CHAPEL OF THE PALMS**

Dallas C. Paul  
Centerville





1948

When Santa sneaks in,  
we trust he will leave  
a sack brimful of all  
good things for you.



**VEE BEE APPAREL SHOP**

Centerville



We add our voice to  
the chorus of Good  
Cheer that greets our  
community this  
Holiday Season...



**PEERLESS STAGE DEPOT**

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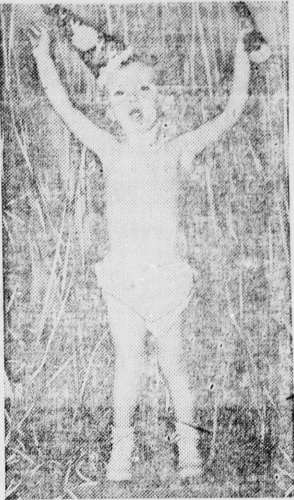
*Merry Christmas 1948*

† † Christmas is an old-fashioned holiday, a time for reliving childhood days and for recalling old times, old friends.

May all the peace and tranquility of the season be yours in full measure.

**WHITAKER PHARMACY**

Niles



"YIPPEE" ... We sure hope this young 1949 will grow up to be a lot better than the old nerve-jangler who was named 1948.

### 'Open House' Once Marked Holiday

Senior members of the family lament the passing of the 'good old day' when New Year's calls were very stylish in America. 'Open House' on New Year's Day was introduced into this country by the Dutch who settled in New Amsterdam and were accustomed to receive their friends who dropped in to offer the compliments of the day. Such calls were very informal, made and received in the spirit of friendship and sociability; refreshments appropriately consisted of homemade snacks and centered around a large bowl of punch, made according to the host's favorite recipe.

The custom grew with the country and, eventually, the nation—or the increasingly populous community thereof—outgrew the custom. During the latter part of the nineteenth century, it was customary for those who intended to receive their friends and acquaintances to send 'at home' notices to the newspapers so that would-be callers might plan accordingly.

The majority of such calls were made in the spirit of friendship and sociability which had given impetus to the custom in the first place. However, human nature being what it is, receptions were often 'crashed' by strangers attracted by the prospect of free punch; likewise, hosts and hostesses were frequently embarrassed by guests who, making their seventh or eighth call, arrived in excessively boisterous or mellow moods.

These abuses contributed to the abandonment of the publically announced 'open house' and revival of the very informal New Year's call—exchanged only among intimates toasting the New Year around a very private bowl of punch.



"I am done with the years that were, I am quits,  
I am done with the dead and the old,  
They are mines worked out, I delved in their pits,  
I have saved their grains of gold—  
Now I turn to the future for wine and bread—  
I have bidden the past adieu—  
I laugh, and lift hands to the year ahead,  
Come on! I am ready for you!"  
—Edwin Markham



At Christmas-time we want you to know we're grateful for your patronage.



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General Contractor

Niles

## Christmas Went Underground With Puritan Ban of 1644

THERE was a time when Christmas went underground. People who advocated Christmas were in danger of arrest and imprisonment and it looked as though Christmas was on its way out.

It all happened around 1644 when the Puritans in England forbade any merriment or religious services, by act of parliament, on the ground that it was a heathen festival. What resulted was much grumbling, breaking of the law and a Christmas underground which wrote and distributed pamphlets in favor of Christmas.

In 1648, for instance, was published "Canterbury Christmas." This pamphlet gives an account of the subsequent proceedings after the Cryer of Canterbury had upon Wednesday, December 22, "openly proclaimed that Christmas day and all other superstitious festivals should be put downe, and a market should be kept on Christmas day. Which being not observed, (but very ill taken by the country) the

town was thereby unserved with provision and trading very much hindered; which occasioned great discontent among people, caused them to rise in a rebellious way."

Among the rarest of the pamphlets issued at that time is one entitled "The Examination and Tryal of Old Father Christmas." In this little volume "one old Christmas was commanded to be brought to the Bar, then was a jury for Life and Death to be impaneled." The Judge was called Judge Hate-bate, the Sheriff's name was called Leonard Love-peace."

In the end Christmas is acquitted, but is cautioned by Judge Hate-bate, "for avoiding all such scandals as have been cast upon you for the future, do think fit to admonish you, that you remember your Office is not so much to feast the Body, as to refresh the Soul, by thankful and pious Meditations."

Charles II re-established Christmas in 1678 and "Jolly Old Father Christmas" has never had to stand trial since.

### Reading Yuletide Stories

#### Adds to Family Christmas

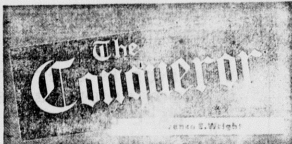
THE reading of literature's most loved Christmas stories, including the Gospels, is one of the best ways for a family to prepare for the day itself.

A family reading session, planned for the last few days before Christmas, will make it easier for the children to stand the tension of waiting and will add meaning and happy family memories to the occasion.

Christmas is, first of all, religious, and the New Testament accounts of the birth of Jesus ought always to be read first. Both the Christmas tales of Matthew and Luke are beautiful poetry and literature.

Perhaps the most famous Christmas book in the world, after the Gospels, is Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," written in 1843. It is a tale which will be told and retold as long as there is Christmas. It is profound enough for the most adult taste and it is still a children's classic.

Henry Van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man," is another story which has become a Christmas classic.



He was born in a manger under the Star

For lack of room elsewhere,  
But the homes of earth may be glorified

By His gracious presence there.  
He built no temple with stately walls,

Yet there are many today  
Where weary men may adore His name

As they bow their hearts to pray.

He wrote no book, but His message

of truth

Pervades the tongues of men.

He left no riches, although in His name

The wealth of His friends is given.

He founded no kingdom, made no laws

Yet the world will learn some day,  
That only those nations can endure

Which follow His meek and lowly Way.

—Edwin Markham

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### Our Christmas Date Started By Romans

The first celebration of the birth of Christ on December 25 took place in the fourth century. Before that date the commemoration of Christ's Nativity and Baptism was held on January 6.

The first mention of Christmas is found in a Roman document known as the "Philocalian Calendar" in the year 354, and the first time the festival was celebrated in Britain was in 598, when St. Augustine baptized 10,000 converts.

In the year 567 the Council of Tours declared a twelve-day festival from Christmas to Epiphany, and in 991-1016 the laws ordained that all strife should cease at Christmas. Christmas was established in 813 in Germany and in Norway in the year 950.

### Thousands of Bulbs On Largest Tree

Three thousand multi-colored electric bulbs and tons of Spanish moss decorate the world's largest Christmas tree located in Hilton Municipal Park at Wilmington, North Carolina. The giant, 300-year-old water oak rises to a height of 275 feet and its branches spread 110 feet.

Its magnificence has been enhanced by a radio station constructed beneath the spreading limbs from which emanates Christmas music that reaches the crowds from loud speakers concealed in the branches and an apparent voice from the heavens that comes from a speaker mounted atop a nearby giant water tower.

Thousands of people gather around it each night during December to listen or join in the Christmas caroling. The tree won its title as the largest Christmas tree in a contest held several years ago.



"DEAR SANTA" ... This calls for a lot of deep thinking. You mustn't ask for too much, but you hate to ask for too little.

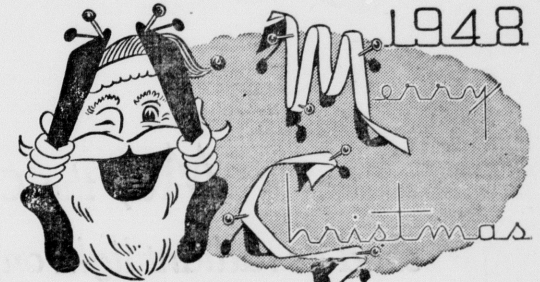


Along with Christmas pine and holly... may health, wealth and happiness deck the halls of your home.

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Can we come in with a gay note to sing out... Best Wishes?

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Wishing you the merriest Christmas possible. That means you, you... and you!

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### MORE THAN 500 ATTEND YULE FETE

More than 500 children, parents, and guests were in attendance last Friday at annual Christmas party festivities staged by the Irvington Elementary School.

Second and third grade students, assisted by the girls glee club, participated in the program, directed by Miss Martha McCready, Miss Marcella Stivers, Miss Mary

Virginia Bristow, Mrs. Leila Oliveira, and Mrs. Carmelita Freitas, all faculty members.

The party was sponsored by the school P.T.A. unit and was featured by the appearance of Santa Claus, who passed out free bags of candy to the children.

The P.T.A. now has a total membership of 306 parents and teachers, according to Mrs. Irma Bond, membership chairman.

Say you saw it in The Register.

### NOVEL IDEA FOR PARTIES AT THE DECOTO SCHOOL

Something novel in the way of classroom Christmas parties was held at the Decoto school last week. Rather than leaving the classroom parties entirely in the hands of the teachers, room mothers of the P.T.A. assisted every teacher in refreshments and in decorations, an idea which the teachers hailed with the greatest gusto.

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### WEATHER HALTS BASEBALL LOOP FINAL CONTESTS

Final games to decide the winner of first half play in the Southern Alameda County Baseball League were postponed a second week because of rain last Saturday, to stall proceedings once again.

In two remaining contests the Marlo Packers of Decoto meet the United Auto Workers, and the Ashland Merchants take on the Hayward Stars.

The Marlo nine and Auto Workers teams will battle it out for fourth place honors in league standings, while the Hayward Stars will be out to trip the Ashland Club, which will earn a playoff contest with the Irvington Merchants for league championship if it noses out Hayward.

Meanwhile, the rest of the league is taking it easy, waiting for first half play to be completed.

#### IRVINGTON 'READY'

Irvington Manager Frank Mayer, though admitting his team was taking it easy for the time being, said this week the club would be "rarin' to go" the moment Ashland were to earn a playoff tilt for the championship trophy.

He listed his entire roster of 15 men as in good shape, and expressed confidence the trophy was "in the bag."

Included on the club roster are Tony Rivers and Clarence Soito, catchers; Henry "Hank" Dutra, Tony Dutra, Johnny Garcia, and Clarence Stewart, pitchers; Stan Roderick, first baseman; Teddy Garcia, second base; Ralph Chapman, shortstop.

Eddie Rose, third base; Harold Faria, left field; Mervin "Bud" Marshall, center field; and Philip Faria and Herb Strub, right fielders. Tony Rogers is team scorekeeper.

#### STANDINGS IN SOUTHERN ALAMEDA COUNTY BASEBALL LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
Irvington Merchants	6	1
Ashland Merchants	5	1
Niles Merchants	4	2
Hayward All Stars	3	2
Marlo Packers	3	3
United Auto Workers	3	3
Hayward Carpenters	0	6
Pacific States Steel	0	6

#### NEW DISPOSAL PLANT READY IN FEBRUARY

A new \$71,000 Irvington disposal plant is expected to be in full operation by mid-February, R. J. Wright, secretary of the Irvington Sanitary District Board, stated this week.

The plant is located on Landing Road.

The Township Register reaches more subscribers than all other local newspapers combined.

## Tidings of Joy

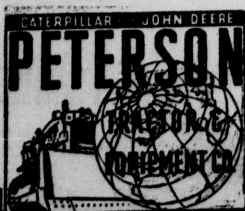


May the Christmas star shed its radiant light on you and your family as we celebrate once more this glorious Event.

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Season's Greetings



SAN LEANDRO BRENTWOOD SAN FRANCISCO HALF MOON BAY  
St. Helena 9-5600 Brentwood 105 Yukon 6-5300 Half Moon Bay 4147



The friendly scent of the cedars is typical of the Spirit of Christmas. It is in that spirit that we wish for you all the joys and blessings of this Yuletide season.

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### ELECTION MEETING SET BY SPORTSMEN

New club officers to serve during 1949 will be selected Tuesday night by the Newark Sportsmen, meeting at the Newark Youth Center in Newark.

Second nominations from the floor and formal election of officers will be held during the business session.

Present officials include Sid Gaunt, president; Art Kleine, vice-president; Joe Machado, recording secretary; Chris Mikkelsen, financial secretary; and Bert Overeen, sergeant-at-arms.

Reports will also be heard during the session on the club's annual pre-Christmas turkey shoot, held last Sunday on the club field on the Dumbarton Bridge highway. Despite rainy conditions, the event was a financial success, according to Frank Martin, field chairman.

### RONALD COZZI IS ON NAVY MISSION

Ronald Eugene Cozzi, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mrs. Margaret Cozzi of 968 Second Street, Niles, is serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS Tarawa, a unit of Task Force 38, which is now undergoing an intensive training period in the Western Pacific and the China Sea area.

Ports of call between training maneuvers include Honolulu, Tsingtao, China, Yokosuka, Japan, and Guam.

#### ATTEND ORDINATION IN SAN FRANCISCO

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Viveiros and daughter, Catherine, of Niles, attended the ordination of 13 priests in San Francisco at St. Mary's Cathedral last Saturday. The Viveiros are personal friends of the Rev. Father Borges Mancedo, who was one of the priests ordained at the service, which was conducted by Archbishop Mitty. On Sunday, the Viveiros family attended the priest's first mass at his pastorate in Oakland.

### CHAMBER INVITES PHONE CO. SPEAKER

The Centerville Chamber of Commerce voted at its regular luncheon meeting Wednesday to ask an official of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company to explain plans for improvement of service at a future meeting.

It was pointed out by members present that, in view of the company's asking for increased rates, an explanation of planned improvements be given.

### SUPERVISORS TO OPPOSE NEW TAX

Levy of an ad valorem property tax by the state is strenuously opposed by the County Supervisors Association of California, it was announced this week by Harry Bartell, chairman of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and a director of the state association.

Bartell also announced the Association will recommend to the State Legislature in January submission of a constitutional amendment to the people repealing the authority of the state to levy ad valorem taxes on property.

Reason for the Association's stand, Bartell said, is found in the fact that the ad valorem property tax is the single principal source of revenue for county government in California, and other possible sources of revenue such as sales tax have been preempted by the federal government, the state and certain cities.

"It is generally recognized that county governments are universally hard pressed to find adequate revenues from this single source to meet the demands of the people for local government services," Bartell said. "An additional property tax imposed by the state would be an intolerable burden, and we believe the state should explore other sources if more revenue is required."

#### SANTA CLAUS WILL VISIT IN NILES

Santa Claus will pay a visit to the Peerless Stage Depot in Niles today, and will stay in town from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon, according to Pat Patchett, owner of the depot. He will have treats for all the kiddies.

### MAIL RATES RISE NEW YEARS DAY

Nineteen forty-nine may not turn out to be such a "Happy New Year" after all, when you write to Aunt Susie after January 1.

On that date air mail, third class matter, parcel post, catalogue, book, special delivery, money order, registered mail, insured mail, C.O.D., and C.O.D. registered mail rates will go up substantially throughout the nation.

Increases will affect all but first class postage.

The raise, provided for in the federal pay-raise bill, will go into effect January 1 as a result of President Truman's approval of the measure. Hence most of the raise will be realized in pay increases for postal employees.

New rates are as follows: Air Mail Letters: 8 cents per ounce; postcards, 4 cents per ounce.

Third Class Matter (circulars and merchandise): 2 cents for first 2 ounces, 1 cent for each additional ounce; books, catalogues, seeds and plants, 1½ cents for each 2 ounces.

Parcel Post: Local zone, 10 cents first pound, 1 cent for next 9 pounds, ¾ cent for 11th to 70th pounds.

Books: 8 cents first pound, 4 cents each additional pound.

Special delivery: 15 cents.

Money Orders: 1 cent to \$5, 10 cents; \$5.01 to \$10, 15 cents; \$10.01 to \$50, 25 cents; \$50.01 to \$100, 35 cents.

Special Delivery: Up to 2 pounds (first class) 15 cents; from 2 to 10 pounds, 25 cents; over 10 pounds (first class), 35 cents.

### LADIES NIGHT PROGRAM HELD

Approximately 50 members of the Irvington Chamber of Commerce and their guests were on hand Tuesday night for the Chamber's Ladies Night program held at Vilela's Play Haven.

The evening's program got under way at 8 o'clock, with festivities arranged by Monford Krueger, Allan Hirsch and Harold Speetzen.

Dinner was first on the agenda, the entree consisting of baked ham with trimmings. Dancing and entertainment followed.

Say you saw it in The Register.



## A Christmas Greeting

☆ In this changeless season of Christmas we greet our friends and neighbors with that changeless message of cheer...



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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## HIGH CHATTER

By MARGARET COLE

All I want for Christmas is my front teeth." Well, I have one, but the town is full of people who must have gaps in their dentures. I'm still waiting patiently to hear the song but it is apparent that none of my acquaintances know more than the first line.

It was suggested that this column include news of what you kids are going to do and what you want for Christmas, but that article in "The Hatchet" changed things. After reading that Mary Villescaz expected a teddy bear from Santa Claus, I was afraid of getting an assortment of answers just as nutty.

The Gravestocks are expecting relatives on Christmas Eve. "Pop" is playing it safe. He's going to stay home and out of traffic for a safe and sane holiday.

Called the Thornburg home on Tuesday to be greeted by their little girl who candidly confided "Mommie is peeling carrots now but I guess she'll talk to you if you'll wait a minute." Carrots it was, as part of the menu being prepared for guests from Stockton. During the holiday the Thornburg family will journey to Los Angeles to visit relatives.

Mrs. Voorhees says they will have guests for Christmas breakfast but otherwise her main project for the vacation will be getting "Coach" rested up for the basketball season.

The vacation doings of the high school set include the Niles Youth Center Dance on New Year's Eve, Barbara De Borja's pajama party on the 29th, Catholic Youth Center Dance Wednesday the 22nd, Alma and Margaret's party last Saturday. Joanne Elias will spend the vacation in San Francisco. Joyce Hunsberger, who has been in Illinois for the past year, has come home for Christmas. Perhaps you already know that she's engaged to be married.

Should have mentioned that the Thornburgs are limp but happy now that the pageant is but a bright memory. No doubt Mrs. Hartsog is feeling the same way but the things that are being said about their presentation should make up for all the hard work. From every side one hears remarks like "Those exquisite tableaux!" "Such realistic acting." "What an amazing accomplishment for a high school group!" "Weren't those costumes marvelous?" "Looked authentic, didn't they?" "The singing was so good, especially the acapello selections." "How well those difficult solos were handled." And the supreme tribute: "It made me feel all weepy!"

A great number expressed regret that there was no way in which they could demonstrate their appreciation of the organ recital and the pageant, loud applause not being suitable on such an occasion. The entire cast may be sure, however, that the rapt attention and breathless hush in the audience denoted real enchantment and the illusion of being transported to the Bethlehem of two thousand years ago.

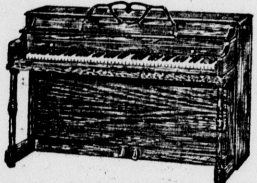
The United States Treasury set the price of gold at \$35 an ounce in 1934 and it has remained unchanged since.

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ON HAND to greet Niles youngsters at annual Christmas party festivities sponsored by the Niles Junior Chamber of Commerce and Niles Theater Wednesday, was Santa Claus, shown above talking to three young men. Although, we are assured, Santa had come directly from his north pole workshop, a certain resemblance to L. L. Lewis was noticed.

—Township Register Photo

## REBEKAH NEWS

At a regular meeting of Niles Rebekah Lodge No. 336 held Friday evening, Dec. 17, at Odd Fellows Hall, Irvington, it was decided to hold installation ceremonies for the newly elected officers of the local lodge on Friday evening, Jan. 21, at Irvington. The committee in charge of decorations for that evening will be Fern Mitte and Rose Stearns. For refreshments on that evening the committee will consist of Jennie Mohn, Gertrude Davis, Ellen Mohn, Estelle Kutzner, Lesda Brown and Ann Arington.

The first installation of District 53 will be held at Livermore on Jan. 5, and the next one at Pleasanton Jan. 10. Ivy Cull, past district deputy of District 53 will be the installing officer, under the direction of Anna Bradford, district deputy president of District 53. Other members of the installing staff include Olive Pugmire, deputy marshal; Jennie Mohn, deputy warden; Rose Stearns, deputy chaplain; Irene Kibby, musician; Fern Mitte, deputy secretary; Catherine R. Parry, deputy treasurer; Iva Marble, deputy inside guardian; and Elsa Mikkelsen, deputy outside guardian. The escort staff includes Irene Bales, drill mistress; Mildred Barber, Florence Dewey, Maude Silers, Lillian Short; Violet Mohn, Minnie Woodward, Ann Arington, Maggie Neill and Elizabeth Mendenhall.

The officers of Niles Rebekah Lodge will hold initiatory ceremonies for a class of candidates at their next meeting on Friday evening, Jan. 7, at Odd Fellows Hall, Irvington. Helen Oliver heads the committee for refreshments for that evening to be assisted by Lou Moser, Ruth Meck and Edna Hesch.

Register ads are read in 1630 township families.

## COAKLEY REVEALS STAFF TRANSFERS

Deputy District Attorney Francis W. Vukota, who has been in charge of the Southern Alameda County branch office, covering Washington Township, will be transferred to Oakland January 1, it was announced this week by District Attorney J. Frank Coakley.

He will be replaced by Deputy Richard C. Lynch, who will be assisted by Deputy David Holstrom.

The change was announced as a routine personnel shift.

Vukota will be transferred to the felony trial staff at the court house.

## SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENT \$307,413

Monthly payments under the federal Old Age and Survivors' Insurance program in Alameda County totaled \$307,413 as of June 30, it was announced this week by Charles P. Weikel, field representative.

Individuals in the county were receiving monthly checks totaling \$13,810. This figure represents an increase of about 18 per cent over the number of beneficiaries in payment status as of June 30, 1947.

"The significance of these figures to the people of Alameda County is more apparent when we realize that benefit payments are earned, and are paid to the individual beneficiaries as a matter of right. At the rate payments have increased in the past fiscal year, 1949 should see an annual total in monthly benefits well in excess of five million dollars," he continued.

Single lump sum death payments made where there were no survivors immediately eligible for monthly benefits averaged approximately two thirds of the monthly total, and are not included in the above figures.

### Christmas cheer



The happiest Christmas season you and your loved ones have ever enjoyed, plus ...

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And we all look forward to seeing you and serving you again during the new year.

### Throughout the year



Good luck, good health and prosperity every day in 1949 —this is our wish to you.

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## NEW NILES CUB PACK REGISTERED

The Niles Elementary School P.T.A. this week filed formal application for a charter to carry on a Cub Scout program for Niles. Mrs. Ruel Brown, president, announced the appointment of Frank Lewis, a former Niles cubmaster, as chairman of the Pack Committee. Other members of the committee are Leland Goularte, L. A. Mayer and Ralph D. Allow. Ruel Brown has been appointed institutional representative to the Scouting organization. The committee has appointed Joseph Enos as Cubmaster for the pack. Den Mothers include Mrs. Ernest Perry, Mrs. Clifford White, Mrs. Ralph Downing, Mrs. Joseph Rose, Mrs. Beth Andrews. Sixteen boys are registered as charter members of the pack.

The first pack meeting was held at the Niles school auditorium on Thursday evening, Dec. 16. The dens had made beautiful Christmas decorations which were on display. Mr. Frank Buck, Senior Field Executive who has worked with the group in organizing the pack, and assistant district commissioner John Cattaneo were present.

The United States Army adopted the 24-hour clock system, long in effect in the Navy, on July 1, 1942.

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## CENTERVILLE BROWNIES SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The Centerville Brownies went Christmas caroling last night, serenading Centerville homes in observance of the holiday season.

The club's 16 members are under direction of Mrs. J. V. Orsetti of Jarvis Road, and Mrs. Edward Fantuzzi.

## "CHICKEN IN THE BASKET"

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## CENTERVILLE SCHOOL INVESTMENT IN YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES PAYS DIVIDENDS

By Patricia Holland

Jerry Myers, a Cub Scout and a member of the fifth grade class of Centerville Elementary School, has done a very honorable deed! Jerry found a pocketbook containing a considerable amount of money lying on the street in the business district of Centerville.

Did he take the money and run? Did he enter a nearby store and buy candy with the money? No! The Cub Scouts have taught Jerry to be kind, honest, and trustworthy. He thought, "If I had lost it, wouldn't I want it returned to me? The person might be in dire need of it. It doesn't belong to me, so I shall try to locate its owner." Jerry examined it, finding no identification except certain stamps given only by a Centerville market, thus deciding a customer must have lost it. The owner has been located and Jerry Myers, Cub Scout, has the satisfaction of knowing that his conscience is clear. He did the right thing.

Last year, Tito Lardizabal, a Boy Scout and a member of the eighth grade class of Centerville Elementary School, also found a purse containing a considerable sum of money. His first thought was to find the owner, which he succeeded in doing.

The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts are fine organizations for all boys. They develop honesty, trustworthiness, loyalty, kindness, good sportsmanship, and all around dependability.

The leaders of these youth groups should be congratulated on the splendid work they are doing.

Say you saw it in The Register.

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1948

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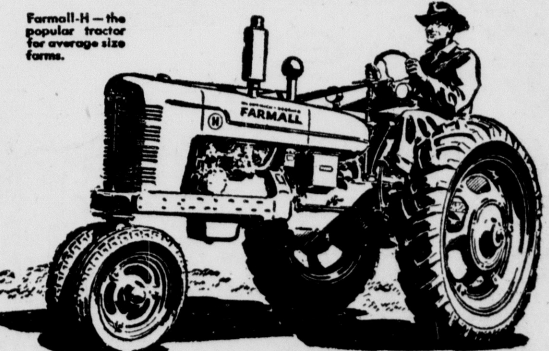
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## Magi Were Priests Of Persian Religion

Along about this time of the year there's a lot written, said and sung about the Magi. Just who were the Magi, anyway?

The Magi were priests of an ancient Persian religion called Zoroastrianism. The Greek historian Herodotus gives a very favorable account of them and their influence in a society which existed four hundred years before Christ's birth.

According to Herodotus the Magi were powerful in public and private affairs. They conducted the education of the young princes, and were in constant attendance upon the king as counselors.

This description of a Magi appears in the sacred writing of Zoroaster: "Thou shouldst call him priest, who sits the whole night thru and years for holy wisdom that enables man to stand upon death's bridge fearless and with happy heart, the wisdom whereby he attains the holy and glorious world of paradise."

The three Magi, or Wise Men, who followed the Star of Bethlehem and brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ child remain nameless, but they were the first to recognize the importance of the birth of the Prince of Peace.

## Birthday of Jesus An Uncertain Date

It is not surprising that the day and year of the birth of Jesus are uncertain, for methods of keeping track of dates during the era when Christ was born were not very reliable. For years, eminent scholars have been searching the scriptures, and all possible records, to try to establish an exact date. So far, they have not succeeded.

Matthew states that Jesus was born during the reign of King Herod which helps to establish the period of His birth and this is the starting point from which the scholars attempt to reckon the year.

The statement by Matthew that the wise men from the east, in inquiring "Where is He that is born King of the Jews?" aroused Herod so that he ordered the massacre of all children two years old or less, is very significant. It is taken as proof that Jesus must have been born about two years before this infamous decree was issued.

No less an authority than the Catholic encyclopedia places the birth of Christ in the year which, by our modern methods of keeping track of dates, would be 7 B. C. Thus, Christ's birth does not exactly determine the difference between B. C. and A. D. date.

AND lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.



## ALAMEDA COUNTY FASTEST GROWING

"Alameda County is the fastest growing industrial county in the San Francisco Bay area."

The Alameda County New Industries Committee has made this statement before, but figures compiled by the Industrial Division of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and released by the San Francisco Bay Area Council more than substantiate Alameda County's extraordinary claims of postwar industrial growth, according to Charles P. Howard, chairman of the Alameda County New Industries Committee.

Out of a total capital investment of \$40,248,800 in new Bay Area plants in 1947, Alameda County accounted for 49 per cent of the expenditure, amounting to \$19,682,800, Howard said. Of the total nine-county capital expenditures of \$58,072,178 on plant expansions in 1947, Alameda County contributed 37 per cent with an investment of \$21,593,800. Alameda County's share of total new plants and ex-

## NILES BOY MAKES GOOD IN VALLEJO

A former Niles boy who is a graduate of the Niles school and also of Washington High School, James Booras, has just received a promotion in the Vallejo Police Department that puts him in the rank of Lieutenant in the department.

Joining the department in August of 1940, the 32-year-old lieutenant skipped the rank of inspector in his promotion, having served as a sergeant since August of 1943.

He lives with his wife and 19-months-old son at 409 Winchester street.

The Booras family lived in Niles for 23 years.

A total of 1,065,000 revenue passengers were carried by the nation's domestic air carriers in the month of June 1947, according to the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

pansions amounted to over 42 per cent of Bay Area industrial progress.

## Alms Giving Custom A Christmas Charity

Giving alms at Christmas originated in the belief that the Christ came sometimes to the door disguised as a beggar during the holiday season, and it was feared that he might be turned away unrecognized. There is an old legend that tells of the Christ child going from door to door on Christmas Eve in search of those who were kind, and deserving. His test was to plead for aid and often he was turned away from the door. This story led to alms giving on Christmas Eve and it was rare that a beggar was refused.



Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep; To whom God's angels did appear, Which put the shepherds in great fear,

"Prepare and go," the angels said, "To Bethlehem, be not afraid; For there you'll find this happy morn, A princely babe, sweet Jesus born."



A "gale" is a wind that blows from 39 to 54 miles per hour.

## SCHEDULE OF PER DIEM WAGE RATES

Craft or Type of Work	Rate Per Hour
Bricklayers (6 hrs.)	\$2.8125
Bricklayers Hodcarriers (6 hrs.)	2.25
Carpenters (8 hrs.)	2.16
Cement Finishers (8 hrs.)	2.15
Electrical Workers (8 hrs.)	2.40
Operating Engineers (8 hrs.)	
Blade Grader Operator (finish work)	2.375
Compressor	1.875
Concrete Mixer (up to one yard)	1.875
Concrete Mixer (over one yard)	2.175
Hoisting on building (material)	2.125
Oilers and Firemen	1.875
Roller Operators	2.225
Shovel Operators (up to and incl. one yard)	2.525
Shovel Operators (over one yard)	2.625
Truck Crane Engineers	2.375
Tractor Operators	2.225
Trenching Machine Operators	2.375
Glaziers — Building Construction (8 hrs.)	2.00
Ironworkers: (8 hrs.)	
Structural and Bridge	2.25
Welders	2.25
Structural	2.25
Housesmiths, Arch. Iron	2.00
Housesmiths, Reinf. concrete or rodmen	2.00
(All Foremen — 25c per hour extra)	
Laborers: (8 hrs.)	
Building Laborers	1.525
General Laborers	1.525
Concrete Pan Installing	1.65
Concrete workers (wet and dry)	1.525
Jackhammer Operators (and handlers of pneumatic tools)	1.65
Vibrators	1.65
Truck Laborers	1.525
Watchmen working	1.525
Vitrified and concrete pipe laying	1.775
Sewer	1.525
Form Strippers	1.525
Lathers: (6 hrs.)	3.00
Lumber handlers and helpers (8 hrs)	1.375
Lumber Clerks	1.55
Painters (7 hrs.)	2.15
Plasterers (6 hrs.)	2.50
Plasterers Hodcarriers	2.25
Plumbers (8 hrs.)	2.375
Roofers (8 hrs.)	2.00
Sheet Metal Workers (8 hrs.)	2.125
Steamfitters (8 hrs.)	2.375
Teamsters: (8 hrs.)	
Dump Truck (under four yards)	1.58125
Dump Truck (over 4 and under 6 yards)	1.70625
Dump Truck (over 6 and under 8 yards)	1.80
Dump Truck (over 8 yards)	2.175
Drivers of Tank Truck or Water Truck (400 Gal. or less)	1.58125
Drivers of Tank Truck or Water Truck (excess of 400 Gal.)	1.70625
Road Oiler	1.70625
Bootman	1.6125

## OVERTIME RATES

Bricklayers: Double Time.  
Building Laborers: Time and one-half first four hours, double time thereafter.  
Cement Finishers: Time and one-half first two hours, double time thereafter.  
Electrical Workers: Double Time.  
Glaziers: Time and one-half first two hours, double time thereafter.  
Operating Engineers: Double Time.  
Iron Workers: Double Time.  
Lathers: Double Time.  
Painters: Double Time.  
Plasterers and Plasterer's Tender: Double Time.  
Plumbers: Time and one-half first four hours, double time thereafter.  
Roofers: Time and one-half first four hours, double time thereafter.  
Sheet Metal Workers: Double Time.  
Steamfitters: Double Time.  
Steamfitters' helpers: Double Time.  
Waterproofing Roofer: Time and one-half first four hours, double time thereafter.

The Contractor shall, in the performance of the work and improvements, conform to the Labor Code of the State of California and other laws of the State of California applicable thereto, with the exception only of such variations as may be required under the special statutes pursuant to which proceedings hereunder are taken and which have not been superseded by the provisions of the Labor Code. Preference to labor shall be given only in the manner provided by law. Veterans and resident local labor shall be given preference by the contractor whenever possible, if skill and working ability permit without increasing the ultimate cost of the work and improvement to the Irvington Sanitary District and its officers.

All proposals or bids shall be accompanied by a check payable to said Irvington Sanitary District and certified by a responsible bank for an amount which shall not be less than ten (10%) per cent of the aggregate of the proposal, or by a bond for said amount and so payable, signed by the bidder, before any officer competent to administer an oath, in dou-

ble the said amount and over and above all statutory exemptions.

Said proposals or bids shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Sanitary Board of the Irvington Sanitary District, on or before the 18th day of January, 1949, at the hour of 8:00 P.M. of said date, at the office of said Secretary of the Sanitary Board located at 103 Mission Street, Irvington, Alameda County, California, said time being not less than ten (10) days from the time of the first publication and posting of this Notice. Bids will be opened on said day and the Irvington Sanitary District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or bids, should it deem this necessary for the public good, and also the bid of the bidder who has been delinquent or unfaithful in any former contract with the Irvington Sanitary District.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1948.

R. J. WRIGHT  
Secretary of the Sanitary Board, Irvington Sanitary District, Alameda County, California.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWERS IN ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1, IRVINGTON SANITARY DISTRICT, ALAMEDA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.

Pursuant to the provisions of "Improvement Act of 1911" and to Resolution Ordering the Work of the Sanitary Board of the Irvington Sanitary District, Alameda County, State of California, directing this Notice, said Sanitary Board hereby invites sealed bids and proposals for doing the work and improvements described in Resolution of Intention No. 12 N. S. in the above entitled matter, of the Sanitary Board of the Irvington Sanitary District, Alameda County, State of California, adopted November 23, 1948 and said Resolution of Intention No. 12 N. S. is hereby referred to for a description of said work and improvement, the grades to which it is to be done, a description of the district to be assessed to pay the costs and expenses thereof, the bonds to be issued, and for all further particulars contained in said Resolution of Intention No. 12 N. S. Reference is hereby further made to the plans and specifications and detailed drawings for said work on file in the office of the Secretary of said Sanitary Board, in accordance with which said work shall be done.

Copies of the plans and specifications and detailed drawings may be obtained by prospective bidders at the office of the Secretary of said Sanitary District, located at 103 Mission Street, Irvington, Alameda County, California.

Notice is further given that the Sanitary Board of the Irvington Sanitary District, Alameda County, State of California, has heretofore established a prevailing rate and scale of wages in accordance with law, which rate and scale is as follows, to-wit:

## COUNTY PROPERTY TAX LEVIES UP

Alameda county's \$12,739,182 property tax levy for general county purposes for 1948-49 is 8.8 per cent higher than the \$11,707,112 levy for general county government purposes in the county for 1947-48, California Taxpayers' Association reported this week.

County levy for general government purposes in 1941-42 amounted to \$6,078,974, the association reported. For the years between 1941-42 and 1947-48 it was as follows:

1942-43, \$6,017,516; 1943-44, \$5,749,189; 1944-45, \$5,533,110; 1945-46, \$6,196,190; 1946-47, \$7,533,780.

## LINDSAY MODEL HOME OPEN NEXT WEEK

A model home, marking the finishing of 110 homes in the Lindsay Gardens Tract in Newark, will be open next week.

Built by Claude Lindsay, Inc., the home will be open daily from 1 to 6 p.m.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of JULIA C. ROSE, also known as JULIA ROSE, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said decedent, to within SIX MONTHS after the first publication of this notice, either file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Alameda, or present them, with the necessary vouchers, to me, at the law office of E. A. QUARESMA, Ellsworth Building, Niles, California, which place the undersigned selects as the place of business in all matters connected with said estate.

Dated: November 25, 1948.  
FRANK T. ROSE, JR.  
Administrator of the Estate of the above named decedent.

E. A. QUARESMA  
Attorney for said Administrator  
Ellsworth Building  
Niles, California D3,10,17,24

## CERTIFICATE OF CO-PARTNERS DOING BUSINESS UNDER A FICTITIOUS NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned are co-partners transacting business in the County of Alameda, State of California, having our principal place of business at 2181 Thornton Avenue, Newark, California, under the fictitious firm name and style of "NEWARK HARDWARE & APPLIANCE"; that we are the only persons having an interest in said business, and that the places of our residence are hereinafter set forth following our respective signatures hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 22nd day of November, 1948.

LOUIS CALDEIRA  
Residing at Newark, California.  
NORMAN P. LUNA  
Residing at Decoto, California.

## STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, ss.

ON THIS 22nd day of November, in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and forty-eight, before me, E. A. QUARESMA, a Notary Public in and for the County of Alameda, State of California, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared LOUIS CALDEIRA and NORMAN P. LUNA, known to me to be the persons described in and whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

E. A. QUARESMA  
Notary Public in and for said County of Alameda, State of California.

(SEAL) D3,10,17,24,31

## CERTIFICATE OF INDIVIDUAL TRANSACTING BUSINESS UNDER A FICTITIOUS NAME

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am transacting business in the State of California, having my principal place of business in the Town of Newark, County of Alameda, State of California, under the firm name and style of "NEWARK ELECTRIC CO."; that I am the only person having an interest in the same business and that my name in full and my place of residence are as follows:

A. R. DUTRA, 2705 Thornton Avenue, Newark, California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of November, 1948.

A. R. DUTRA  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, ss.

On this 19th day of November in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and forty-eight, before me, E. A. QUARESMA, a Notary Public in and for the County of Alameda, State of California, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared A. R. DUTRA, known to me to be the person described in and whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

E. A. QUARESMA  
Notary Public in and for said County of Alameda, State of California.

(SEAL) N28,D3,10,17,24

## COUNTY RELIEF LOAD IS GROWING RAPIDLY

Alameda County's aged aid relief rolls included 9,544 people during October, compared with 9,424 for September, 1948, and 8,555 for October, 1947, California Taxpayers' Association reported this week.

Cost of aid to the aged in the county for October was \$570,332 compared with \$526,907 for September, 1948, and \$477,116 for October, 1947.

## Use Register Want Adsl

### LEGAL NOTICE

## CERTIFICATE OF CO-PARTNERS DOING BUSINESS UNDER A FICTITIOUS NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned are partners transacting business in the State of California under the fictitious firm name and style of "MARTIN & DIAZ", having our principal place of business in the Town of Decoto, County of Alameda, State of California.

The full names and places of residents of all the members of said partnership are as follows: DON MARTIN, 931 10th Street, Decoto, California.

S. DIAZ, 103 9th Street, Decoto, California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 22nd day of December, 1948.

DON MARTIN  
S. DIAZ

## STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, ss.

ON THIS 22nd day of December in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and forty-eight, before me, E. A. QUARESMA, a Notary Public in and for the County of Alameda, State of California, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared DON MARTIN and S. DIAZ, known to me to be the persons described in and whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

E. A. QUARESMA  
Notary Public in and for said County of Alameda, State of California.

(SEAL) D24,31,J7,14,21

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

No. 105532 Dept. 4  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned, TSUTOMU BEN MATSUMOTO, Executor of the Will of KATSUSABURO MATSUMOTO, who was also known as K. MATSUMOTO, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against said decedent, to within six months after the first publication of this notice, either file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Alameda, or present them, with the necessary vouchers, to me, at the office of NORRIS & BROWN, 114 North Main Street, Centerville, California, which place the undersigned selects as the place of business in all matters connected with said estate.

Dated: December 8, 1948.

TSUTOMU BEN MATSUMOTO  
Executor of the Will of Katsusaburo Matsumoto, who was also known as K. Matsumoto, deceased.

NORRIS & BROWN,  
Attorneys for Executor,  
114 North Main Street,  
Centerville, California.

Date of first publication: Dec. 10, 1948.

D10,17,24,31

## No. 15492 CERTIFICATE OF CO-PARTNERSHIP

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, ss.

We, the undersigned, FRED SANCHEZ, CHARLES SANCHEZ, FRANK SANCHEZ, and PETER SANCHEZ, hereby certify that we are co-partners, transacting business in the State of California, with our principal place of business at Oakland, in the County of Alameda, State of California, under the firm name and style of SANCHEZ BROS.; that we are the only persons having an interest in said business, and that the places of our residence are hereinafter set forth following our respective signatures hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 1st day of November, 1948.

FRED SANCHEZ, Residing at R.F.D., 458, Niles, California.

CHARLES SANCHEZ, Residing at R.F.D., Rt. 1, Box 127, Ripon, California.

FRANK SANCHEZ, Residing at Decoto, California.

PETER SANCHEZ, Residing at R.F.D., 458, Niles, California.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, ss.

On this 1st day of November, in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and forty-eight, before me, ALLEN G. NORRIS, a Notary Public in and for the County of Alameda, State of California, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared, FRED SANCHEZ, CHARLES SANCHEZ, FRANK SANCHEZ and PETER SANCHEZ, known to me to be the persons described in and whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

ALLEN G. NORRIS  
Notary Public in and for the County of Alameda, State of California.

(SEAL) N10,26,D3,10,17



1948 Christmas Greetings

The magic spell of Christmas is everywhere . . . no corner too remote! We extend hearty Yule greetings to all our friends.

E. H. FRICK PLUMBING CO.

Niles



## ...Around the Township...

## Jollys Home After Two Months' Trip

With road map in one hand and the Rotary directory in the other, the Dick Jollys, popular Newark pair, returned to Newark last week after an exciting and thoroughly enjoyable trip across the United States.

The road map, of course, kept them going in the right direction, while the Rotary directory told them when and where the different Rotary clubs met—and Dick took most all of them in! In addition to that, they took in several radio broadcasts, and many other things of interest along the way. Spending Thanksgiving in Peoria, they drove on to New York, and New England, and then down into the deep south.

They are just now getting settled back into routine affairs, and Dick has been doing relief work at the Palmer Pharmacy in Hayward since his return.

## Dinner Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Frank George of Niles were hosts at a dinner party last Sunday, which was enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Oliver and daughter, Donna, of San Leandro, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bouffard of Hartford, Connecticut.

## Buddy Alves Flies To Fiancee's Home

Howard "Buddy" Alves and his fiancée, Miss Lola Anderson, enplaned Wednesday for Spokane, Washington, to spend the Christmas holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Anderson. Several large social affairs are planned up there for the young couple, whose engagement was recently announced. They plan a June wedding. Miss Anderson is employed at the Naval Base at Alameda, and Buddy is connected with the Niles Electric Company.

## Decoto Teacher in Hawaiian Islands

Mrs. Vivian Dunn, third grade teacher at the Decoto school, is spending her Christmas holidays in the Hawaiian Islands. She has looked forward to this trip for years, and is likely enjoying it to the fullest. She will return in time to resume her teaching at the school.

## From Pacific Grove

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Amaral and daughter of Pacific Grove, were visitors at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Amaral Sr., of Irvington on Sunday.

## SALLY MAYOCK IS ENGAGED TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MAN

A Christmas party and buffet supper last Saturday night at Los Amigos, the hillside home in Irvington of the Mayocks, turned out to also be an engagement party for Miss Sally Ann Mayock, whose betrothal to Mr. Hollis Gifford Hartley was announced.

Daughter of Mrs. Ann Mayock and the late Robert Mayock, Sally is presently doing graduate work at Stanford University. She is a graduate of Palo Alto High and of Mills College.

Her fiancé, son of Mrs. Lois M. Hartley of Ontario, served for three years in the Army Air Corps as a lieutenant in communications. He is a graduate of Chaffee Junior College and, last June, received his B.A. at Stanford University. During his college career he was president of Stanford Village and of Theta Chi fraternity. He is now in the Stanford Law School.

Present plans of the young couple call for a wedding this next June.

Present at the supper last Saturday to receive the happy news were



Miss Sally Mayock

the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. M. Marks of Irvington, Mr. and Mrs. George Roeding of Niles, Mr. and Mrs. James Howe of Walnut Creek, Dr. and Mrs. Burton Adams of Berkeley, and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Gould of St. Helena.

## TEA HONORS CAROL KIEP OF IRVINGTON; ENGAGEMENT TO LEWIS WOOD REVEALED

Mrs. Allan Hirsch of Irvington was hostess at a tea given Tuesday in honor of Miss Carol Kiep, whose engagement to Lewis Wood, also of Irvington, was announced last Saturday night at a party in San Francisco.

About 50 friends and relatives of the popular young Irvington girl

were present at the tea. The two mothers, Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Kiep, poured.

Carol, a graduate of Washington High, is a student of San Jose State College. Her fiancé is associated with the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

No date has been set for the wedding.

## Newark Couple Hosts at Party

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Berg of Newark hosted a cocktail party for several of their friends prior to the dinner given at L'Omelette last Friday for some of the Westvac personnel.

Invited to the Bergs' party were the Ed Buttes, Mr. and Mrs. Cline Hayward, the John Scarletts, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kirkish, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cimino, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Vince Kaehler, the Vernon Browns, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Melhase, Miss Dorothy Czerny, Mr. John Nash, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Redeker, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Holts.

## Decoto Girl Is Engaged

Miss Nettie Luna of Decoto is receiving felicitations on the announcement of her engagement to Mr. Richard Massie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Massie of San Lorenzo Village.

The bride-elect, daughter of Mrs. Mary Luna, is well known throughout the township, having graduated from Washington High School. She has been employed for the past year at the Retailers Credit Association at Hayward, where she is assistant manager.

Date for the wedding has not yet been set.

## Niles Man Has 81st Birthday

Mr. Frank Garcia, one of Niles' grand old men, celebrated his 81st birthday Wednesday at a dinner party given in his honor by his daughter, Mrs. L. A. Mayer. Those present were the Mayers and their two sons, Mrs. Garcia, and another daughter, Miss Evelyn Garcia. Mr. Garcia's sister, Mrs. Mary Pimentel, who is 87 years old, was unable to attend the celebration because of illness.

## Christmas Guests

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Godwin and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Downing and family, Lane, Gene and Paulette, of Niles, will visit Mr. and Mrs. Godwin's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Kimberling, former Niles residents, in their new Lindsay home over Christmas.

Another celebration coming up for the Downings is the birthday of their twins, Gene and Paulette, who will be two years old on New Year's Day.

## Jacqueline Gorman Home from Hawaii

Miss Jacqueline Gorman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gorman of Niles, arrived from Honolulu on the "Lurline" last Tuesday, just in time to be here for Christmas. She has been in the Islands for a year and a half, though she has seen her mother and sister, Suzanne, since that time as they spent last summer over there.

## High School Co-eds Hostesses at Party

Alma Clark and Margaret Cole, co-eds at Washington High, were hostesses at a party given last Saturday at the home of Alma's grandmother, Mrs. A. F. Clark of Mission Road.

The following guests enjoyed games, dancing and refreshments: Joan Halliwell, Pat Halliwell, Joan Pereria, Nonie Beck, Charlotte Seward, Bobby Cotton, Thelma Costa, Laura Medeiros, Barbara de Borja, Laura Emery.

Charlene O'Brien, Betty Lizardo, Les Klous, Mel Lewis, Fred Duffie, Jack Gaunt, John Meeker, Bernie Day, Bob Brown, Alex Morris.

Irving Alameda, Bob Lizardo, Don Pine, Jim Griffen, Ed Gurley, Bob de la Torre, Robert Sausedo, Merle Runolphson and Ray Bettencourt.

## Lt. Rudolph Brazil Home for Christmas

Lt. (jg) Rudolph Brazil, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Brazil of Centerville, will be home for Christmas, which will make the Brazil family dinner a completely merry one. The young lieutenant has been stationed at Long Beach.

Others to be present around the Christmas dinner table will be Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lopes of Gustine, Mrs. Mary D. Brazil of Centerville, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brazil of Newark, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Brazil and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Brazil of Gustine.

## Three Couples Observe Anniversaries

Mrs. Marie Bishop of Niles was hostess at a buffet supper last Wednesday evening for 25 of her friends who celebrated three wedding anniversaries. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ebright were observing their 36th anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Duffey the 35th, and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Petsche their 24th.

The Petsches, former Niles residents, came down from their home in Colusa especially for the occasion.

## Home from College

Miss Betty Grau is spending her vacation from U. C. at home with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Grau of Niles, who are planning a big dinner of Christmas day for about 30 relatives. Betty, who is in her Freshman year at the university, will be among those who witness the Rose Bowl game at Pasadena.

## Decoto Teachers In Santa Barbara

Miss Rosemarie Dowd, eighth grade teacher at the Decoto school, and Miss Pauline Modesitt, fifth grade teacher, are spending their Christmas vacation in Santa Barbara.

The Township Register reaches more subscribers than all other local newspapers combined.



## A 'MERRY' CHRISTMAS

I'm way behind on addressing my Christmas cards—the dog is home merrily chewing on my Christmas wrappings which I should have used a week or more ago—one or the other of the boys phones me here at the office every ten minutes to relay the glad tidings that the other has opened another jar of jelly, or another box of cookies, or has just mixed another batch of candy and has gotten chocolate all over the wall—the printer in the back shop keeps yelling for "more copy"—the subscribers keep phoning to tell me they've received a statement and "am I sure their subscription has expired?"—the painters call me wanting to know whether I want cauliflower green on the ceiling or Alamo tan—the new reporter interrupts to know whether "Peixotte" is spelled with one x, or two x's, or an s—an advertiser rushes in breathlessly for me to fix him up a last-minute Christmas ad—someone calls to ask me did I hear the latest about the Twenty-One Club (whatever that is)—someone else calls and wants to know if I will go up and see if there are chimes at the Central Bank—then my eldest phones with demonic jubilation in his voice telling me that my youngest has come upon my secret cache of Christmas presents—the painter phones again and says maybe brussel sprouts green would be better than cauliflower green—

And they call it "merry" Christmas!

## 'CUB' REPORTER

I think that The Register staff had better look to its laurels as we have a potential journalistic rival who may give us a run for our money. She is Patricia Holland, who wrote the Centerville School news column this week. Read it, and see if you don't agree.

And because we may not see you to tell you so in person, the editor and I wish all of our subscribers—you, and you, and you—the happiest Christmas you've ever had!

## IMPRESSIVE RITES FOR EASTERN STAR

An impressive ceremony at the Masonic Temple in Centerville last Saturday evening put into office a new slate of officers for the Orient Chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

The hall was beautifully decorated under the direction of the incoming worthy matron, Dora May Scudder, who also made corsages for her officers.

Host for the occasion was Charles Burch, and Lois Gravestock was hostess.

Installing officers were Willa Jane Hellwig, past grand matron; Lloyd H. Truman, past patron; Marie Vervais, marshal; Lucy Katzer, honorary marshal; Evangeline Mueller, chaplain; Frank Katzer, usher; Henry Vervais, usher; Dwight Thornburg, organist; Robert L. Howe, soloist; Edith Howe, accompanist.

New officers were as follows: worthy matron, Dora May Scudder; associate matron, Ernestine Brewer; associate patron, Charles Brewer; secretary, Fern Mitte; treasurer, Sadie Hodges; conductress, Mildred Logan; associate conductress, Sue Lemons; chaplain, Bain Leask.

Marshal, Florence Myrick; organist, Irene Kibby; warder, Florence Christensen; sentinel, Carl Christensen.

Adah, Edna Heschler; Ruth, Lucy Katzer; Esther, Lucetta Duffy; Martha, Justine Adams; Electa, Elsa Mikkelsen.

## Her Sixth Birthday

Miss Judith Ann Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Martin of Alviso, celebrated her sixth birthday on Monday. Her paternal parents, and a host of friends and relatives were there to help the little Miss celebrate.

## Yule Entertaining

Following the candlelight service at the Niles Congregational Church on Christmas Eve, Miss Nancy Bishop will serve refreshments to a group of her young friends at the home of her mother, Mrs. Marie Bishop.

## At Tahoe City

Miss Lillian Vernon, third grade teacher at the Decoto school, is spending her holidays with her family in Tahoe City.

## RITES HELD FOR MARINE WAR HERO

Military funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the Golden Gate Cemetery at San Bruno for Marine Pfc. Peter Graber, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Graber, of 280 H Street, Niles.

Private Graber, killed in the first assault on Iwo Jima February 19, 1945, was buried with full military honors, at rites held starting at 2 p.m. at the cemetery, located near San Bruno. His parents, other relatives, and close friends were on hand for the service.

One of five brothers and sisters who served in the armed forces during the late war, he had participated in four major engagements in the South Pacific, and had won a Purple Heart medal in battle on Saipan. He had enlisted in the Marines in 1943.

Use Register Want Ads!

## MAN CITED ON TRAFFIC COUNTS

Marion Frank Mings, 45, Newark, is scheduled to appear before Centerville Justice of the Peace Allen G. Norris January 7, to answer two charges of traffic violations.

He was cited by California Highway Patrolmen in Niles Monday night for failure to stop at a boulevard crossing, and driving while his driver's license had been revoked.

## TO L. A. FOR CHRISTMAS

Don MacDougal, Southern Alameda County Boy Scout executive who makes frequent visits in the township and is well known in this area, is enroute to Los Angeles with his wife to spend the Christmas holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy MacDougal. Flying out from Willoughby, Ohio, to join them in Los Angeles are Mrs. MacDougal's parents, making the family circle complete.



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## YOUTHS NABBED FOR BREAKING WINDOWS

Three Mission San Jose youths were nabbed by sheriff's deputies last week for breaking all the windows in a home there.

The juveniles were apprehended upon investigation of a complaint by Vivian Escobar, 20, Niles, that seven three by four-foot windows had been broken at an old home on Mission Road in Mission San Jose.

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## NEWARK COUPLE HAVE BABY GIRL

The Herbert Laceys of Newark received the best Christmas gift of all—a little six pound 14 ounce girl who was born at the San Jose Hospital on December 19. The young lady, who has a 26 months' old brother, David, has been named Christine.

The maternal grandmother, Mrs. John Freitas of Newark, is taking care of the baby and mother, and is proudly announcing that this is her seventh grandchild!

## A HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS

Cyrus Solon of Mission San Jose was taken to the San Jose Hospital last Tuesday for observation following a sudden attack.

His friends will be glad to hear that he has been improving, but will have to remain in the hospital over the Christmas holiday.

## IRVINGTON ... THEATRE...

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**DECOTO YOUTHS FACE COURT TRIAL**

Four Decoto youths were certified to the County Superior Court for prosecution on a charge of rape this week, by Centerville Justices of the Peace Allen G. Norris.

Defendants in the case are Fred J. Sandoval, Joe R. Gutierrez, Bernard G. Perez and Manuel R. Baca. The offense is alleged to have been committed November 5.

The defendants, with the exception of Baca, are at liberty on \$1000 bail. Baca was convicted of petty theft in Niles Justice Court recently, and is serving a 60 day sentence in the county jail.

**HOSPITAL BOARD TO HEAR SPEAKER**

Members of the Washington Township Hospital District board of directors will hear Mr. Derry, consultant of the Bureau of Hospitals, State Department of Public Health, discuss the possibility of establishing a hospital in Washington Township, at a meeting January 3. The meeting will start at 8 p.m., according to L. S. Whitaker, board president.

**BAIL FORFEITED HERE LAST FRIDAY**

Because he failed to appear in Niles Justice Court to answer a charge of petty theft last Friday, Reynaldo Castro Pulido, 40, Vallejo street, Niles, is \$200 poorer today.

The money, which Pulido had posted as bail after his arrest on a petty theft charge involving a Niles grocery market, was ordered forfeited by Justice of the Peace E. A. Quaresma last Friday.

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—and—

NEWS - SHORTS

## NEWARK FIREMEN TO SEAT OFFICERS

Newly elected officers of the Newark Firemen's Association will be installed Monday night at ceremonies to be conducted at the Newark Fire House beginning at 7 o'clock.

Fire Chief Joseph E. Poshote will be installing officers.

Outgoing club officials are: Donald Dias, president; Maurice Calderia, secretary; Orland Menezes, treasurer; and John Wilson, sergeant-at-arms.

In the cases of Calderia and Menezes, however, it will be a case of going out, then going in again. They were returned to their respective offices at club elections held recently.

Lee Wilson will be seated club president for the coming year, while James Dias and Joe Calderia are installed as vice-president and sergeant-at-arms, respectively.

The 18 club members and guests are expected to attend the meeting.

In addition to the installation, refreshments will be served during a social period following the business session.

Newark Fire Protection District Commissioners Tony Martin, Albert Pashote and Joseph D. Silva, will also be on hand for the ceremonies.

The meeting will be the final get-together for the club until next year.

New officers will serve one year terms.

## BRIDGE APPROACH PAYMENT MADE

Payment of \$9,203.63 to Caputo and Kuble as a portion of the contract price for constructing the concrete bridge and approaches across Alameda Creek on Niles Canyon Road, was authorized recently by the board of supervisors on motion of Supervisor Chester E. Stanley. Payment was made on recommendation of County Surveyor Wallace Boggs.

**S.P.R.S.I. YULE PARTY IS A HUGE SUCCESS**

Council No. 105, S.P.R.S.I. of Irvington, held its annual Christmas pot luck for members and their families at I.O.O.F. Hall last Saturday.

After dinner everyone enjoyed movies shown by Lionel Goularte and a program was presented by Mabel Gomes playing piano and all the children singing Christmas carols. There were also piano solos by Jo Ann Rebello and accordion solos by Ronald Miller.

Then Santa came in and treated the children. Later bingo and cards were played by all and everyone went home saying "What a wonderful party." Elsie Rogers was chairman.

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**S.P.R.S.I. ATTENDS COMMUNION BREAKFAST**

Members of S.P.R.S.I. Councils 3, 21, 84 and 105 attended mass and received communion in a body at St. Joseph's Church in Mission San Jose last Sunday at 8 a.m.

Following mass, a breakfast was served at Vilela's Play Haven in Irvington. They had as their honored guest Mary L. S. George of No. 4, who is a deputy to Councils 3, 34 and 105.

Arrangements for this social affair were made by Beatrice Enos.

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## VERNON LEAL MADE FIREMEN'S PREXY

Vernon Leal was elected president of the Irvington Firemen's Association Monday night succeeding Manuel Silva, as the club held annual election ceremonies.

Serving with Leal will be M. S. Raymond, vice-president; William Rose, secretary; Manuel Guardanapo, treasurer; and Wayne Day, sergeant-at-arms.

They will be installed at the club's first meeting of the new year, January 3, at the Irvington Fire House.

Outgoing officers include Silva; Allan Hirsch, vice-president; and Edward L. Rose, treasurer. William Rose was elected to succeed himself as club secretary.

In other matters club members discussed the coming annual New Year's party, to be held at the Fire House New Year's Eve, and the annual Firemen's Ball, slated for January 15 in Newark Pavilion.

Manuel Guardanapo is in charge of the Firemen's Ball.

The New Year's party will be highlighted by a dinner, followed by entertainment. Ben Cramer is in charge.

Officers of the department, formed in 1938, are Joe Corey, fire chief; and Alfred Peixoto, assistant chief. There are 15 department members.

**TOOLS, IMPLEMENTS NETTED IN THEFT**

Theft of approximately \$200 worth of farm implements and tools was reported to sheriff's deputies last week by John L. Stevenson, 142 North Main Street, Centerville.

Stevenson told deputies the implements and tools had been taken from his ranch near Centerville over a two months' period, and that the largest single burglary had occurred on or about November 20.

He stated his ranch is left unattended during the night hours, although his tool shed scene of the crimes, has been left locked.

Included in the loot, he told police, is a John Deere remote cylinder, with hose attachments, a brand new metal tool box, two crescent wrenches, three wrecking bars, one tractor crank shaft, six sacks of barley, one air pump kit, one end and box wrench set, and one socket wrench set and box.

Robert L. Moore was the investigating officer.

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## FRANK COSTA LAID TO REST

Funeral services were held yesterday for Frank Costa, 60, laborer at the Dominican Convent ranch in Mission San Jose, who died of a heart attack at his home Tuesday.

A resident of Mission San Jose for 45 years, he was the husband of Mary Costa; the father of Andrew Costa of Irvington, Mrs. Anthony Ornellas, Mrs. Walter Silva of Newark; Mrs. Beatrice Smith, Mrs. William Rickey, Mrs. Bernice Leal and Mrs. John Hall, of Oakland; and Leroy Costa of Mission San Jose.

He was step-father of Anthony Costa of Niles, Mrs. Clarence Costa of Irvington, Manuel Costa of Mission San Jose, August Costa, Mrs. Herman Rose and Mrs. Robert Perry of San Jose, and Mrs. Anthony Santos of Santa Cruz.

A native of the Azores, he was the brother of Tony Costa of Delto and Mrs. Americo Perry and Mrs. M. J. Garcia of Oakland.

**MRS. FRANCES HELM TAKEN BY DEATH**

Funeral services for Mrs. Frances Helm, 78, mother of Bill Helm of Niles, were held Thursday at St. Mark's in Richmond.

A native of California, she had lived in Niles for the past eight months, being cared for by her son during her long illness. Death came last Sunday at a San Jose hospital.

Mrs. Helm, born in San Rafael, was a past president of the Native Daughters.

**DEATH COMES TO MRS. F. MATSUMOTO**

Services for Mrs. Fusa Matsumoto, 67, of 1417 Smith Street, Alvarado, were held Tuesday from the Chapel of the Palms Mortuary in Centerville. She passed away at an Oakland hospital.

She was the wife of the late Katsusaburo Matsumoto, for many years a merchant in Alvarado, who passed away recently.

Cremation was at the California Crematorium at Oakland.

The U. S. Statute Mile is 5280 feet in length.

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